ROAR
DOKJA!
CHUNGMURO
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DOKJA...!

BROWL

DOKJA!

DID HE...

...JUST...?!

THAT

THING HE SWALLOWED...

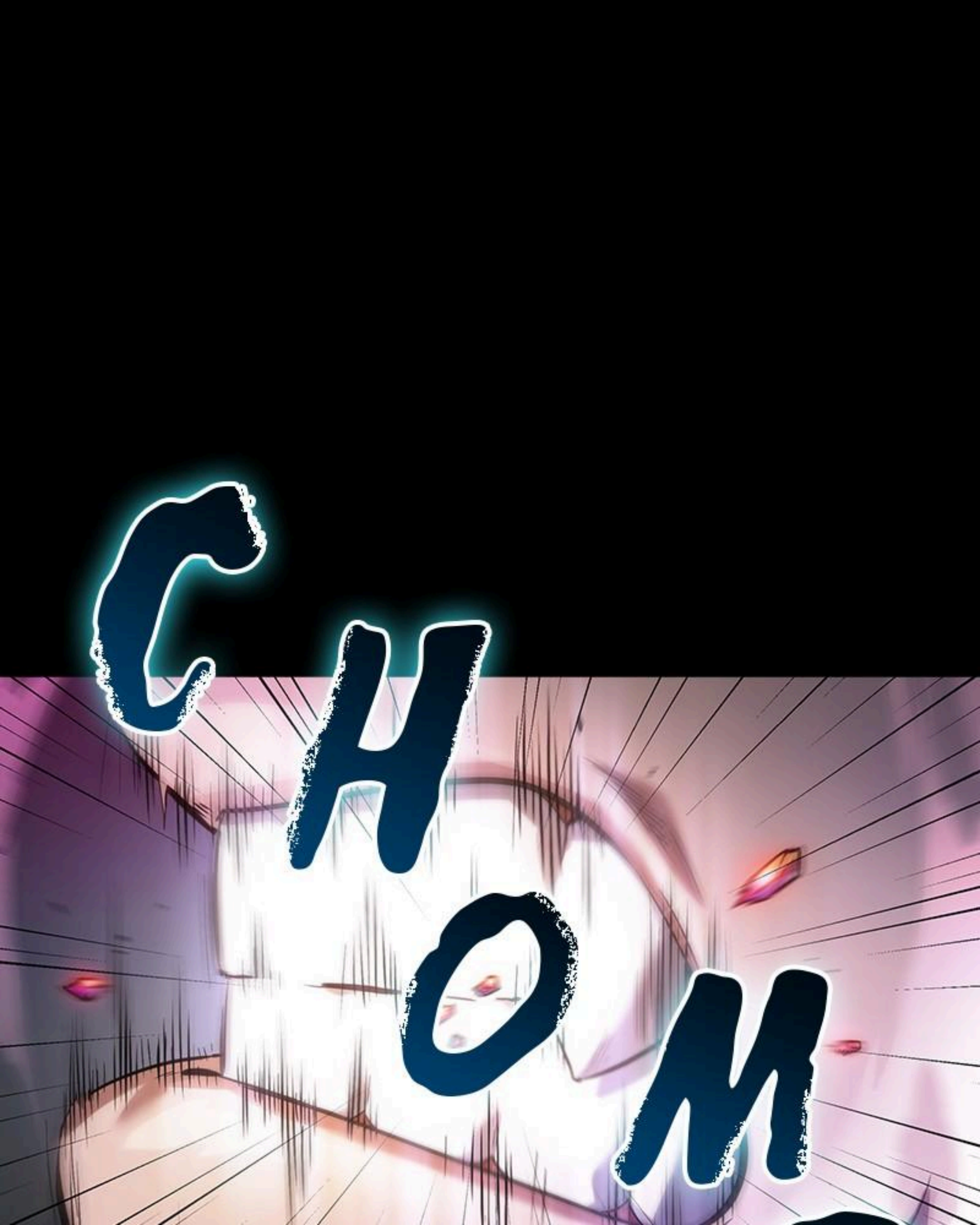
CRACK

...RIGHT BEFORE HE WAS ATTACKED IS...!

YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS, RIGHT?

EVEN IF YOU DID...

YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE IT.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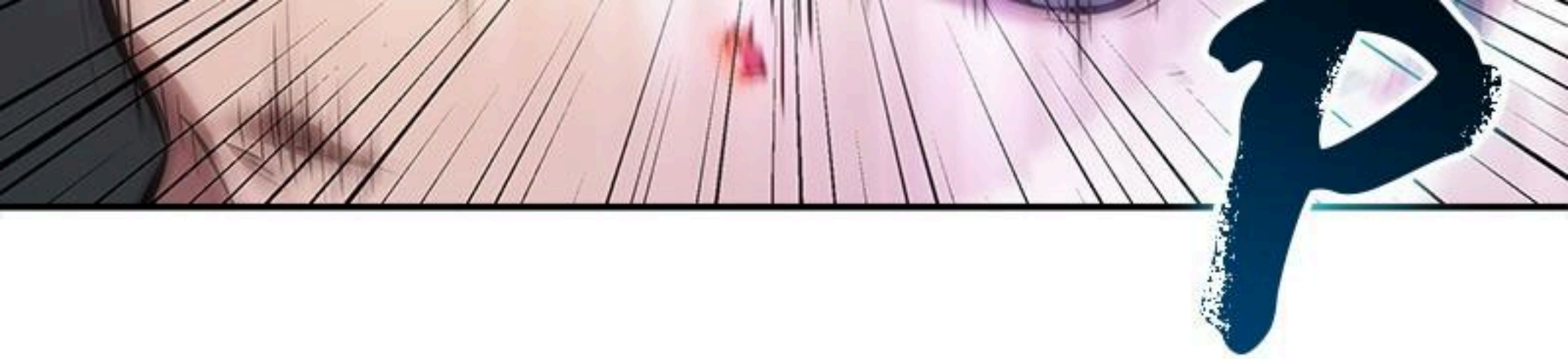

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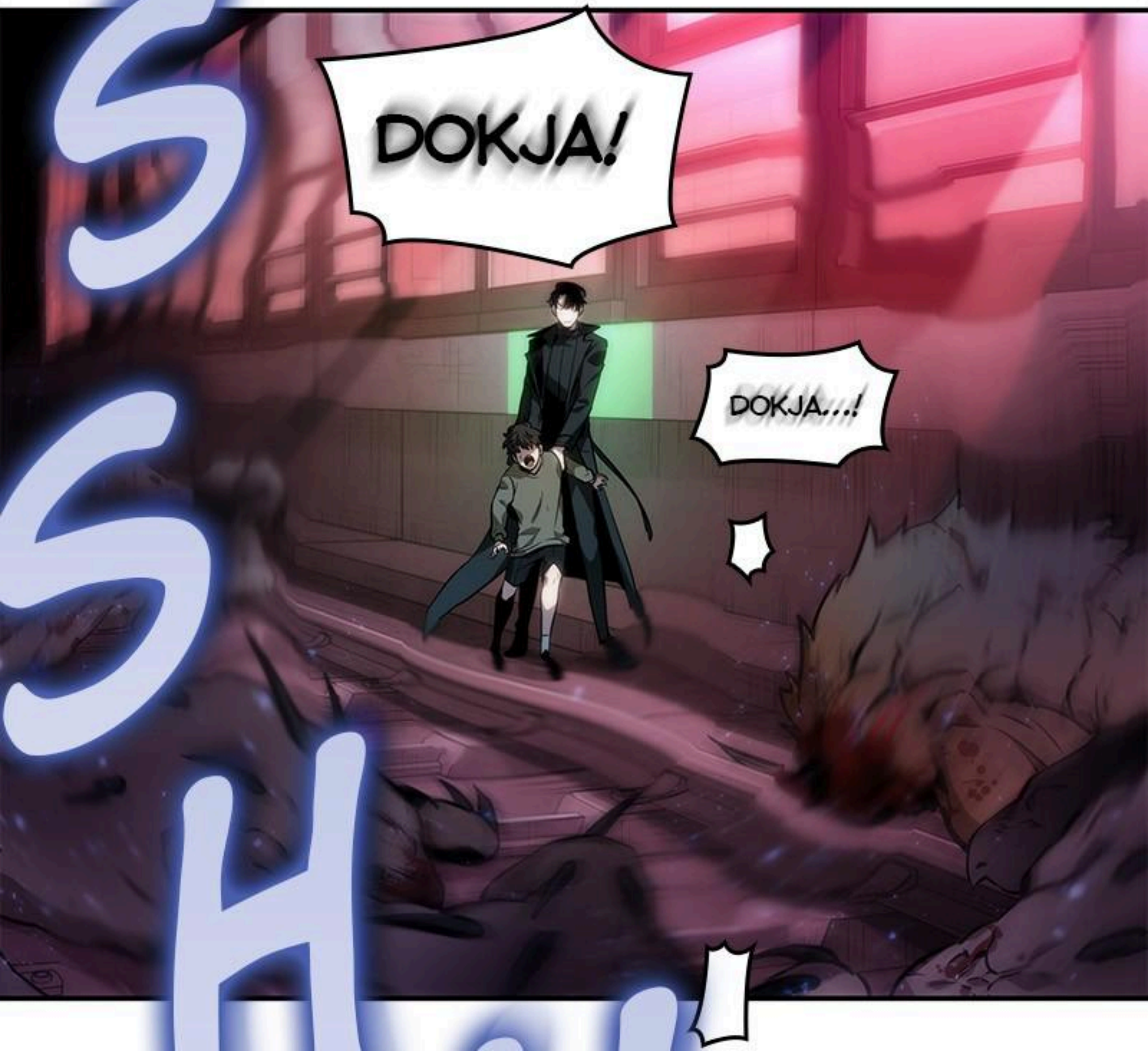
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DOKJA...!
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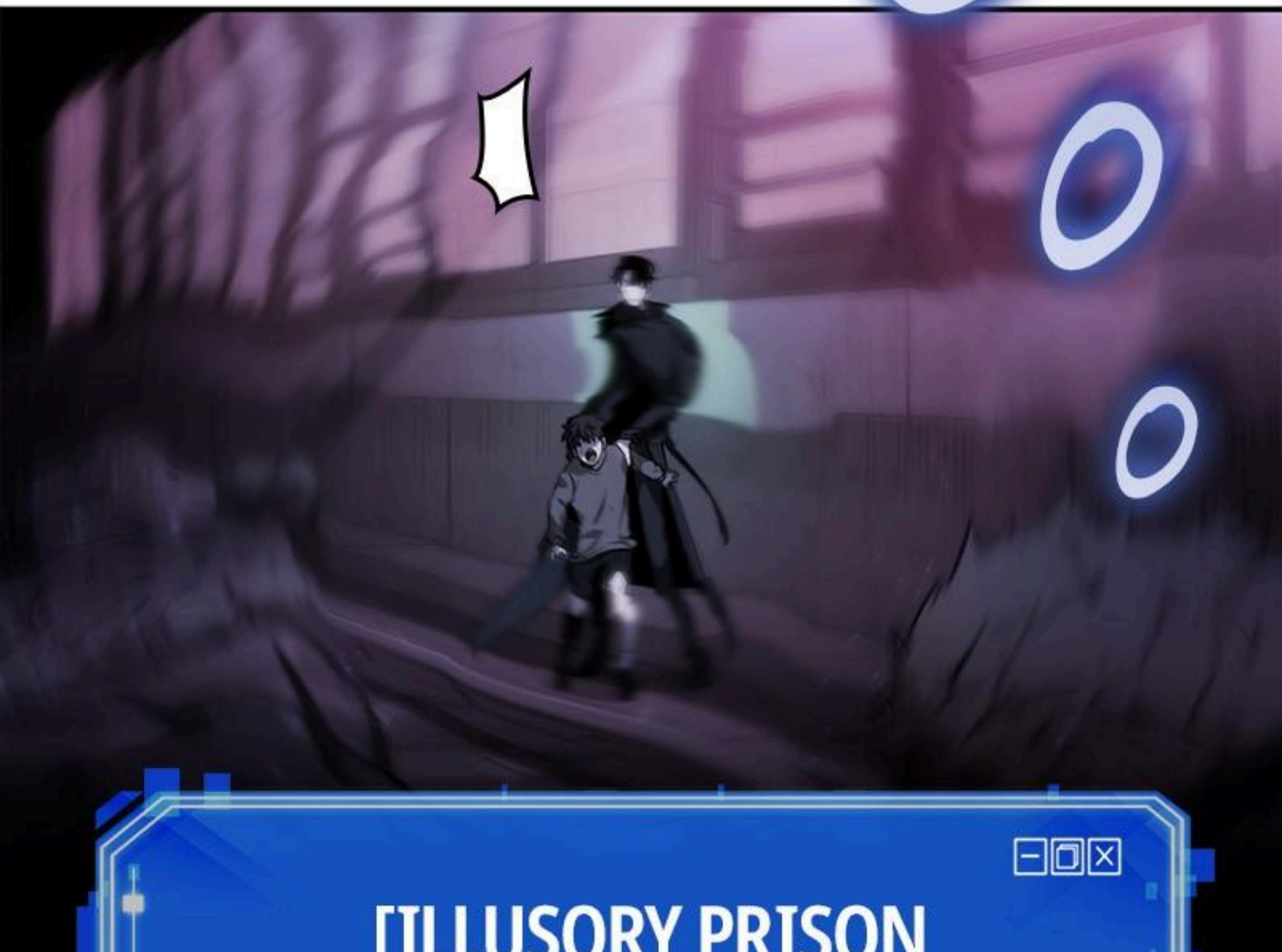
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[ILLUSORY PRISON

HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]

DING

[YOU HAVE BECOME A *GHOST SPECIES*.]

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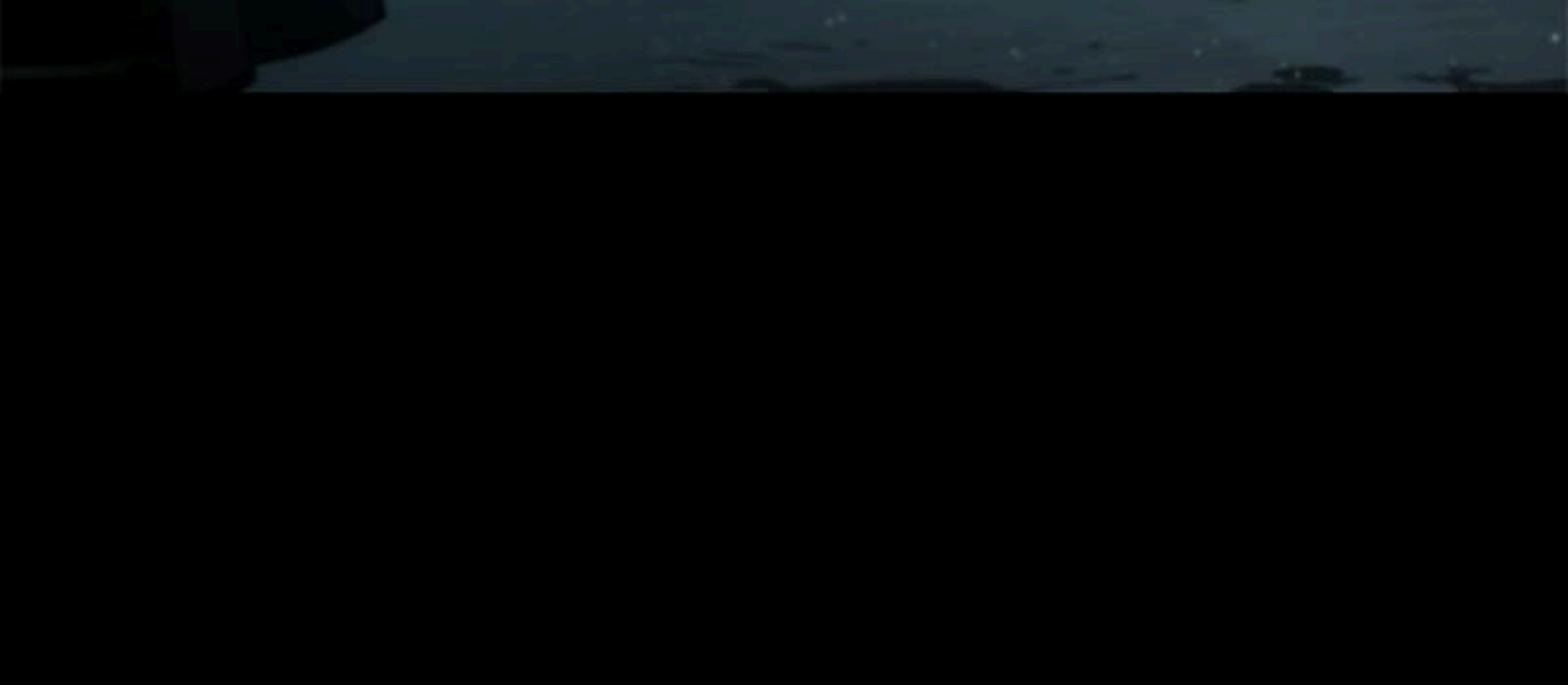
Chapter 7

Landlord

Part-6

DOKJA.

OW...
MY HEAD...



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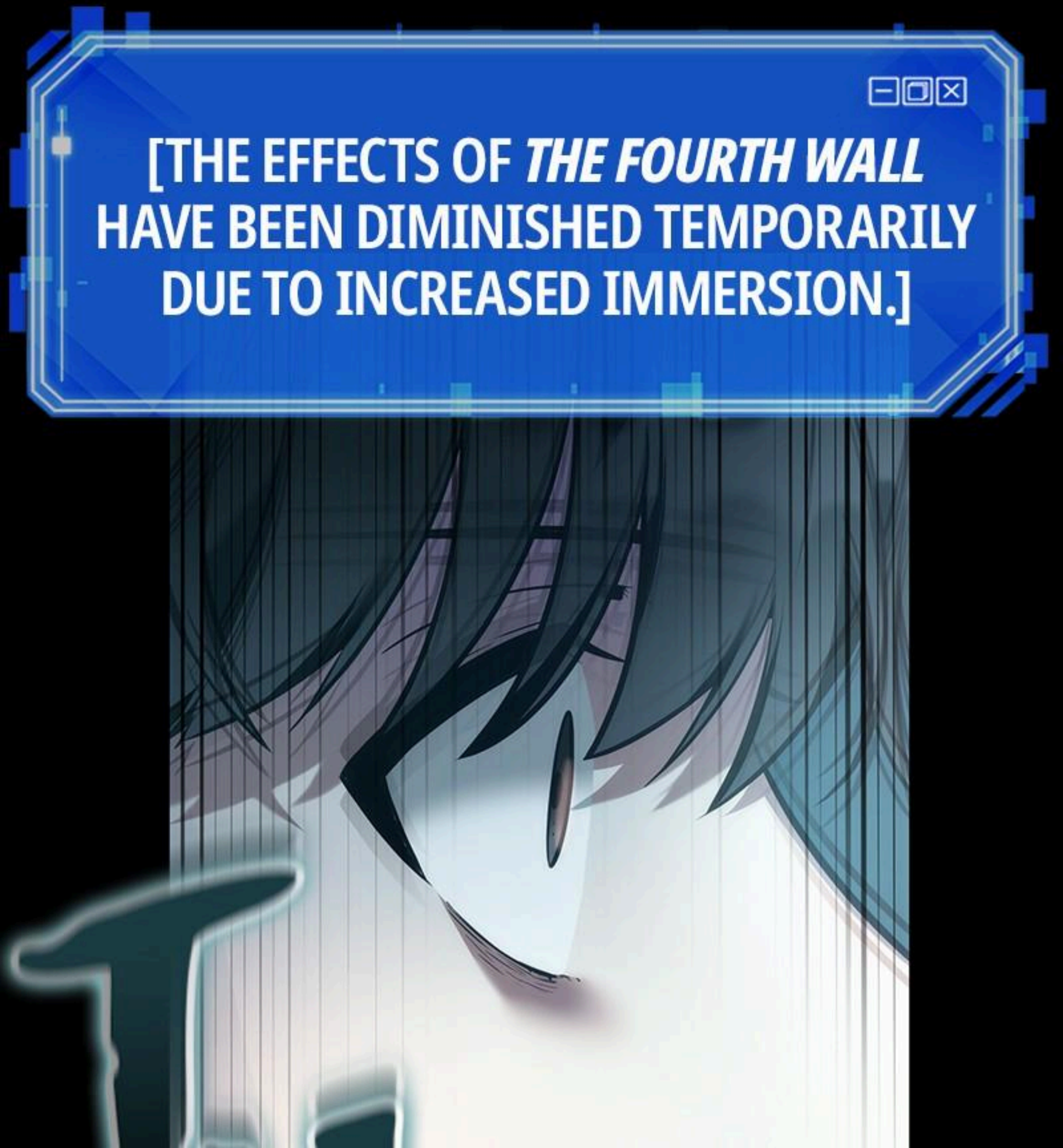

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NO.

ANYTHING BUT THIS

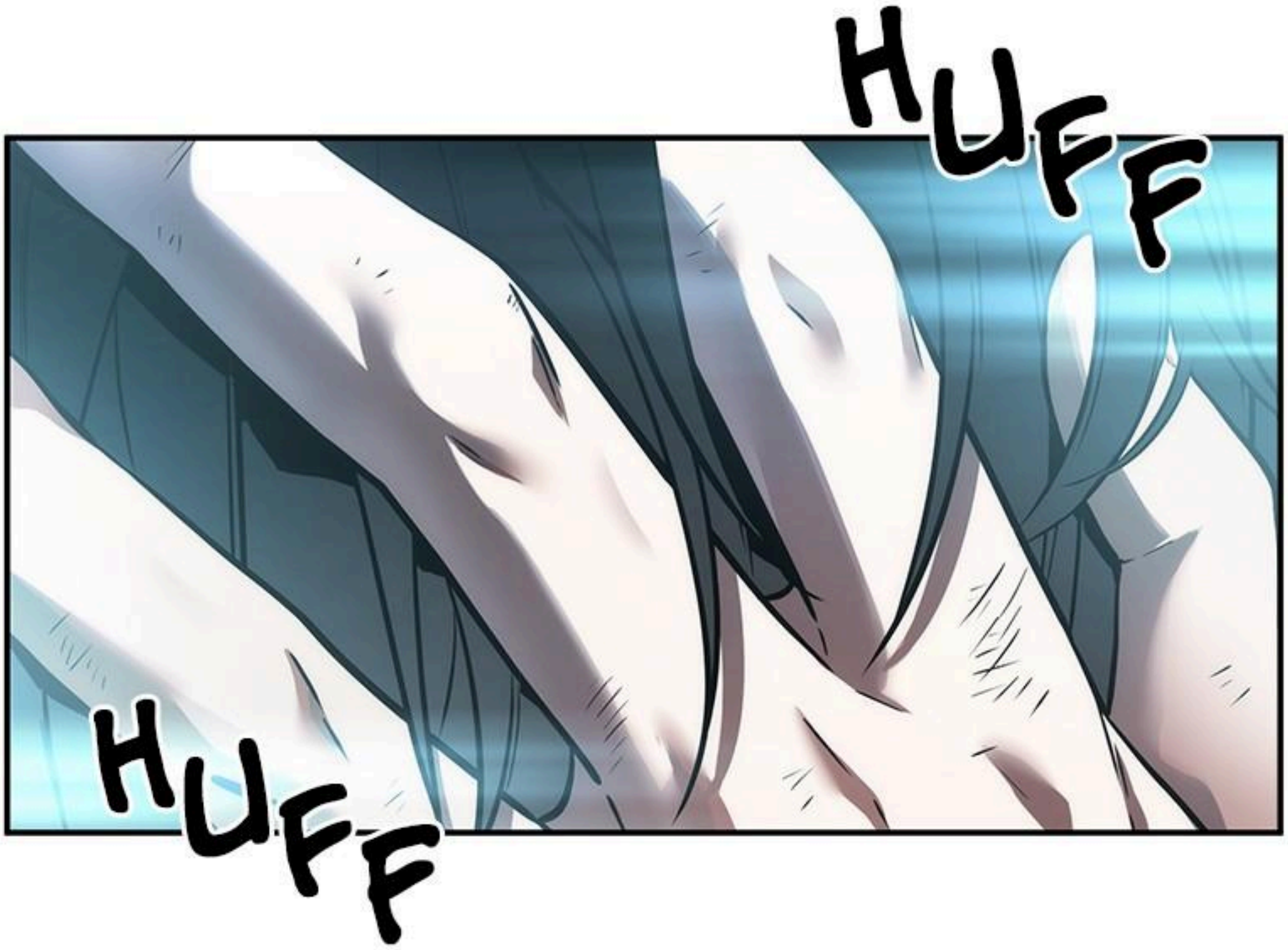
THROB

MEMORY!

THROB

THROB

I HAVE TO RESIST...!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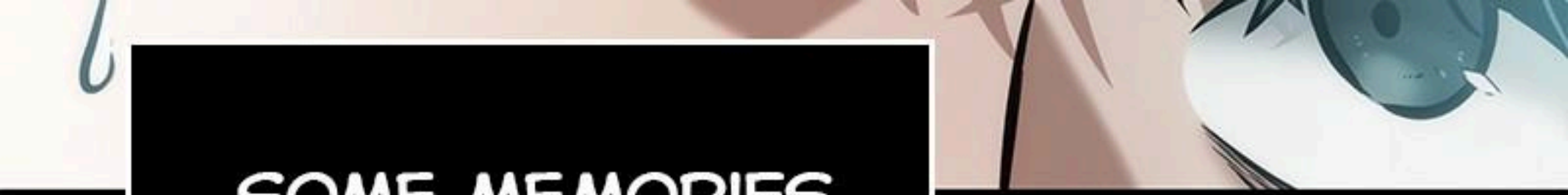
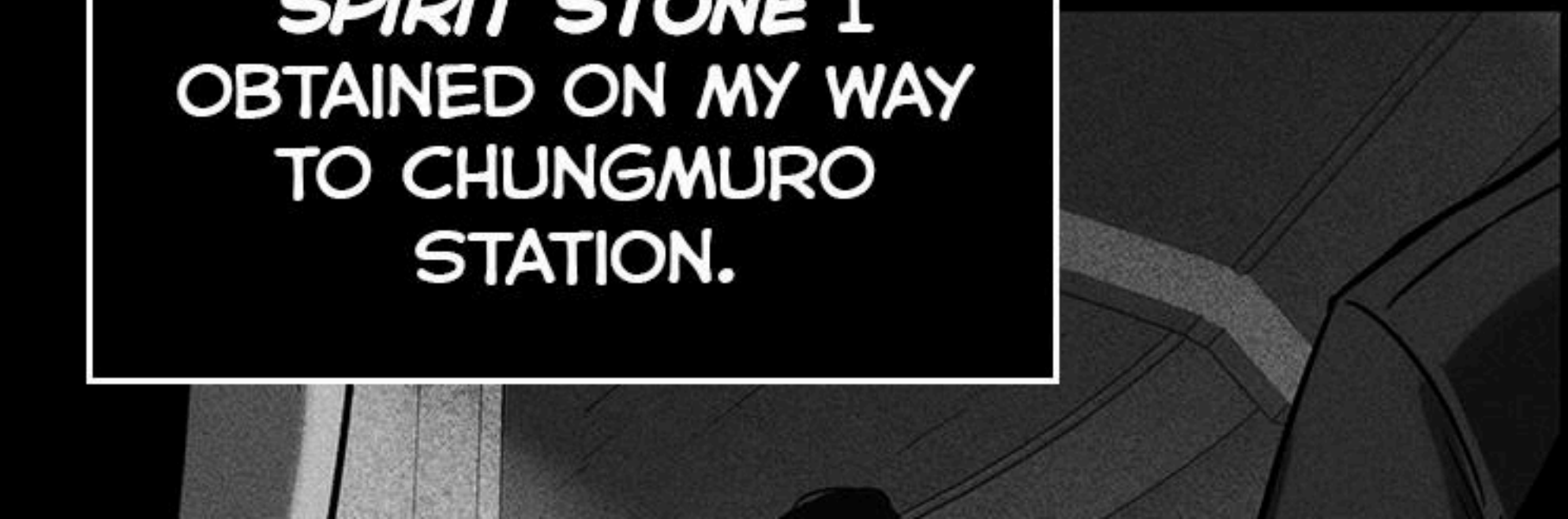
HUFF
HUFF

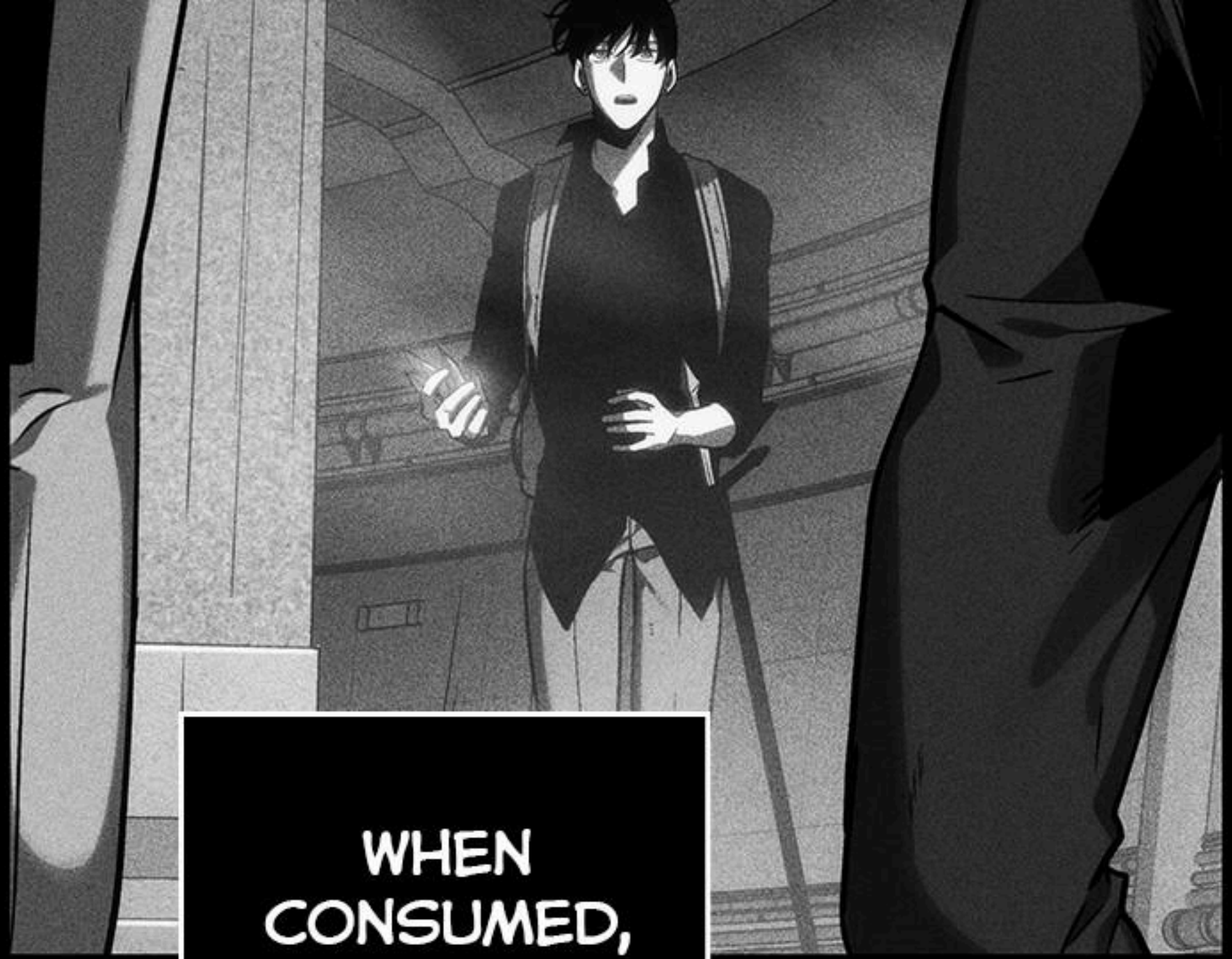
DAMN
TRAUMA...



SOME MEMORIES ARE NOT MEANT TO BE REVISITED.

THE *SPECTER SPIRIT STONE* I OBTAINED ON MY WAY TO CHUNGMURO STATION.





WHEN CONSUMED,

THIS ITEM TURNS YOU INTO A ***GHOST SPECIES*** TEMPORARILY SO THAT YOU CAN BECOME INVISIBLE TO MONSTERS.

BUT AS A COST, IT AMPLIFIES THE TRAUMAS BURIED DEEP WITHIN THE USER'S MEMORY.

[THE FOURTH WALL] IS SO OVERPOWERED.

I'VE MANAGED TO SURVIVE THANKS TO THE SKILL.

IF ANYONE ELSE TRIED THIS, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN DRIVEN MAD.

NOW I SHOULD WAIT FOR THE EFFECTS OF THE FOURTH WALL TO RETURN.
CTS OF THE FOURTH WA
DIMINISHED TEMPORA
INCREASED IMMERSION

JUNGHYEOK YU?

[VERSION]
TEMPORARILY
EARTH MALL

ARE YOU

ARE YOU JUNGHYEOK YU?

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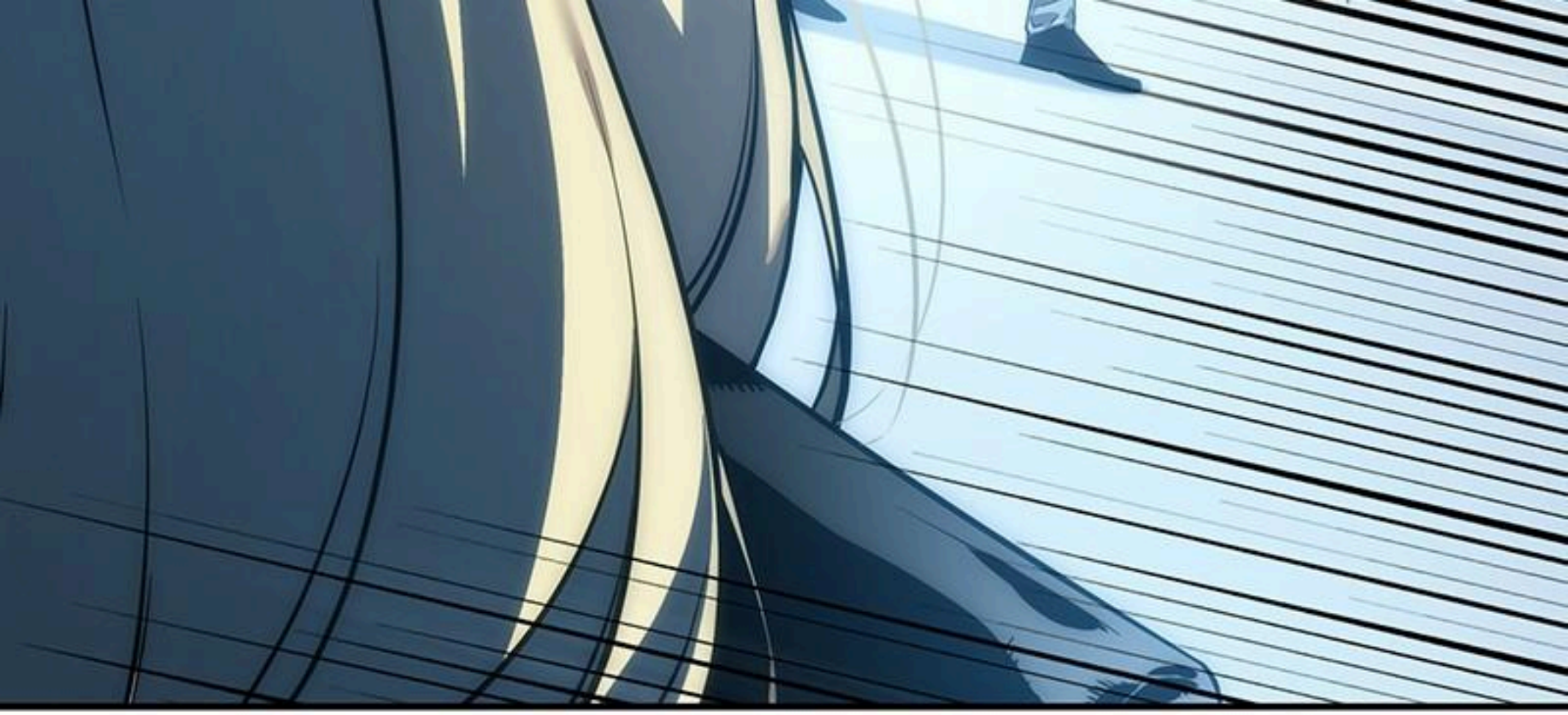
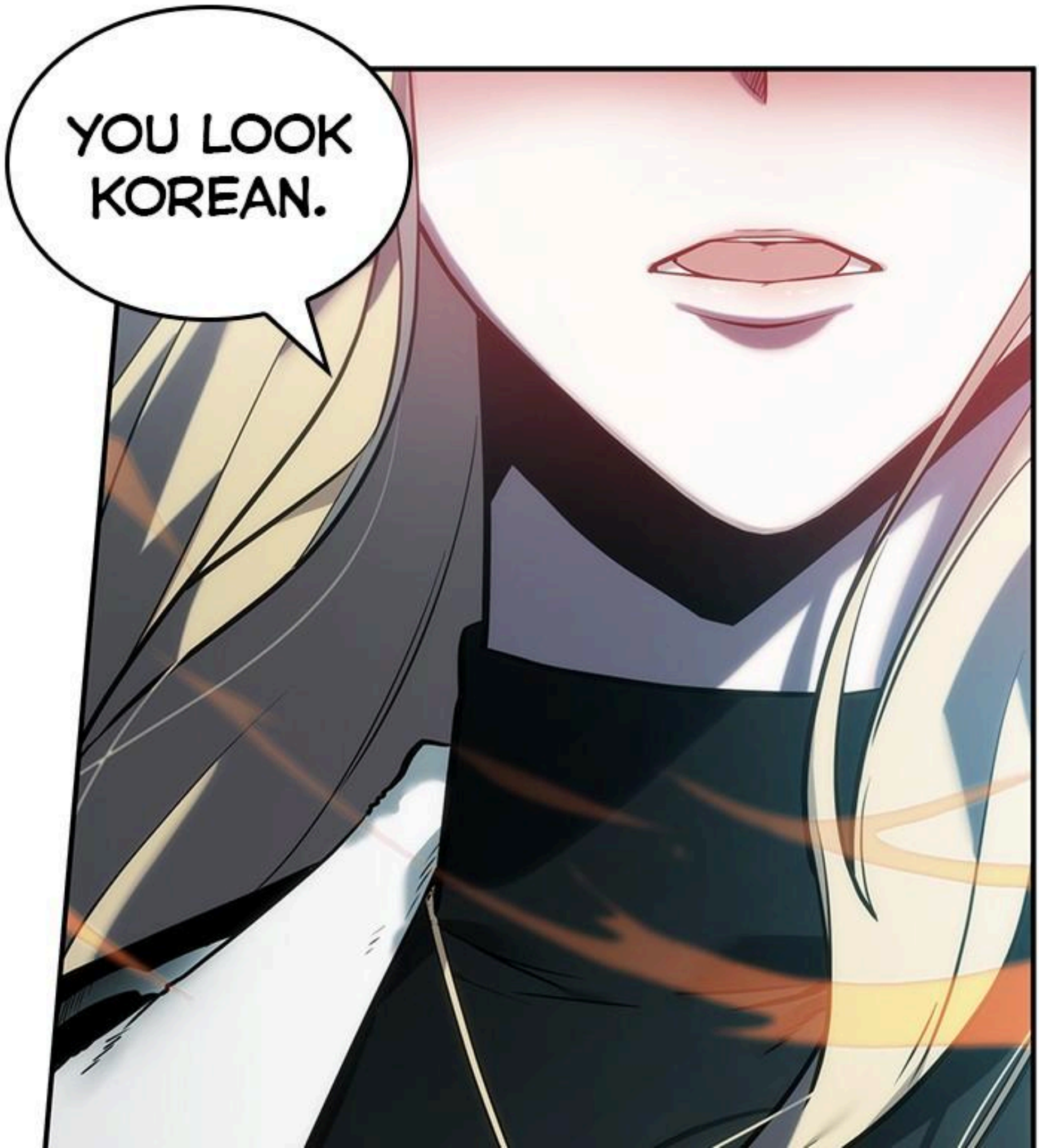


YOU'RE NOT JUNGHYEOK YU.

WHAT...?

HAS THE TRAUMA BEEN TRIGGERED AGAIN?!

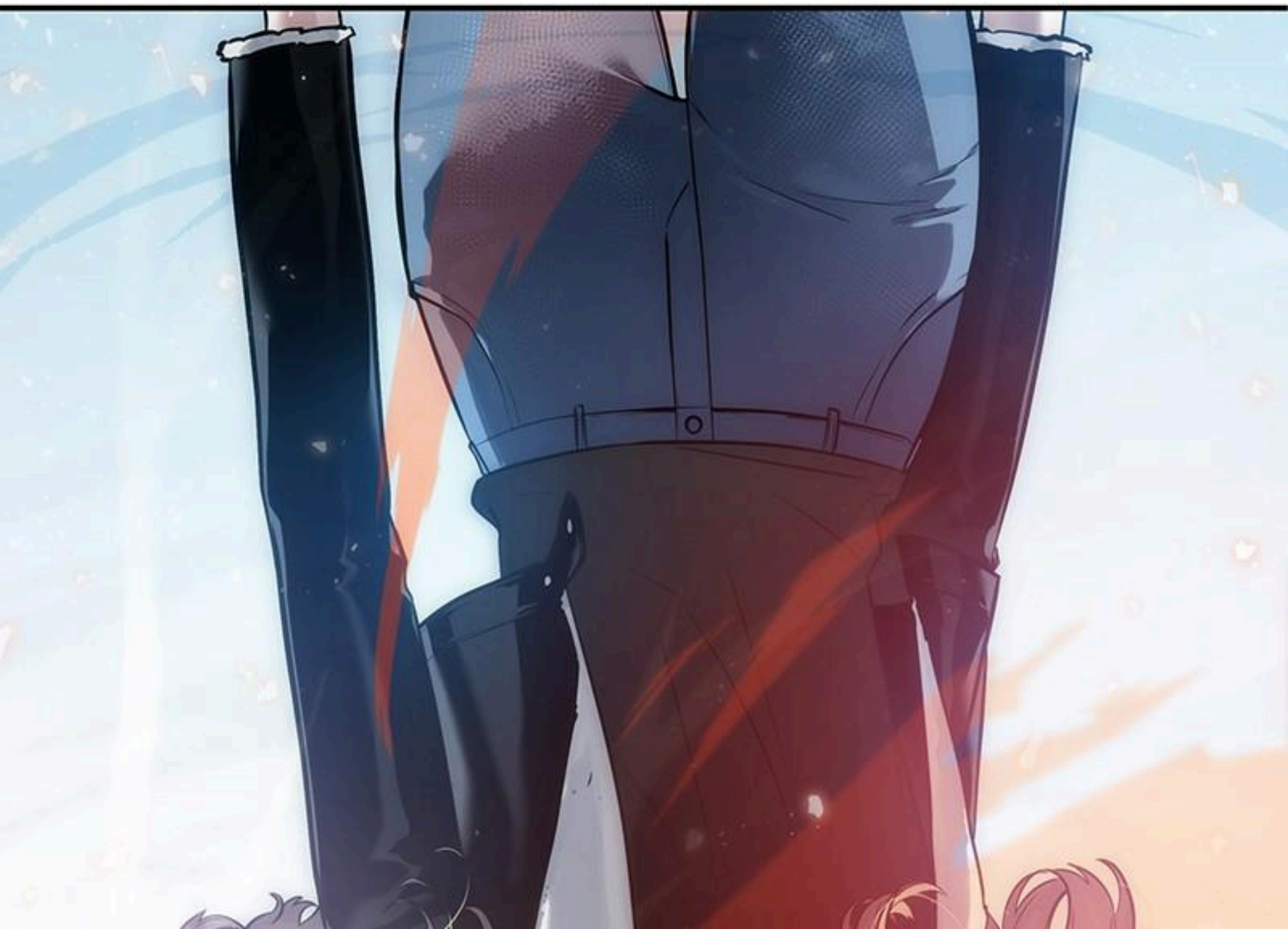

YOU LOOK KOREAN.

NO,
IT'S SOMEONE
I DON'T KNOW.

A FOREIGNER
WITH BLONDE
HAIR...?

COULD
SHE BE...?

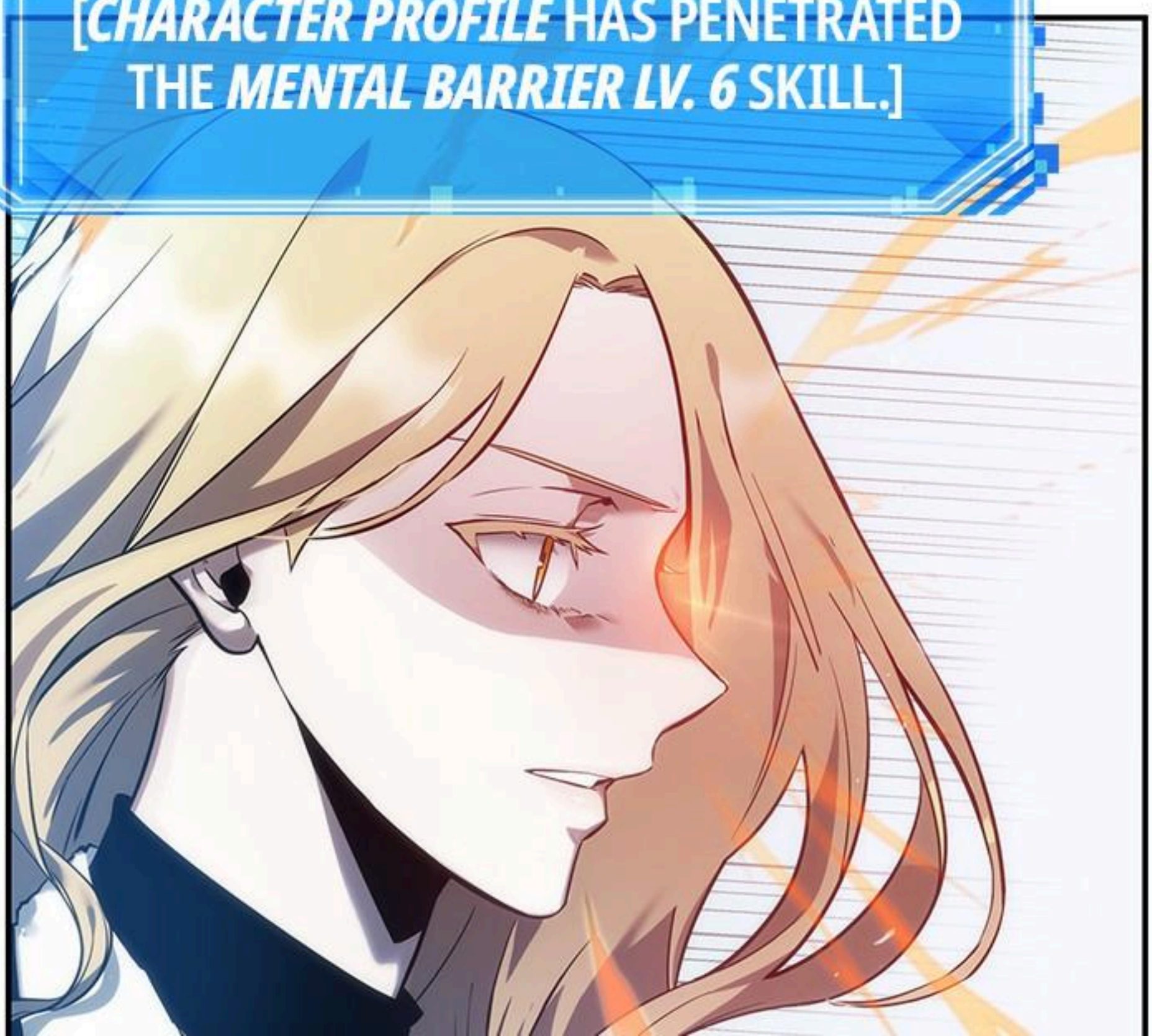
WHO ARE YOU?

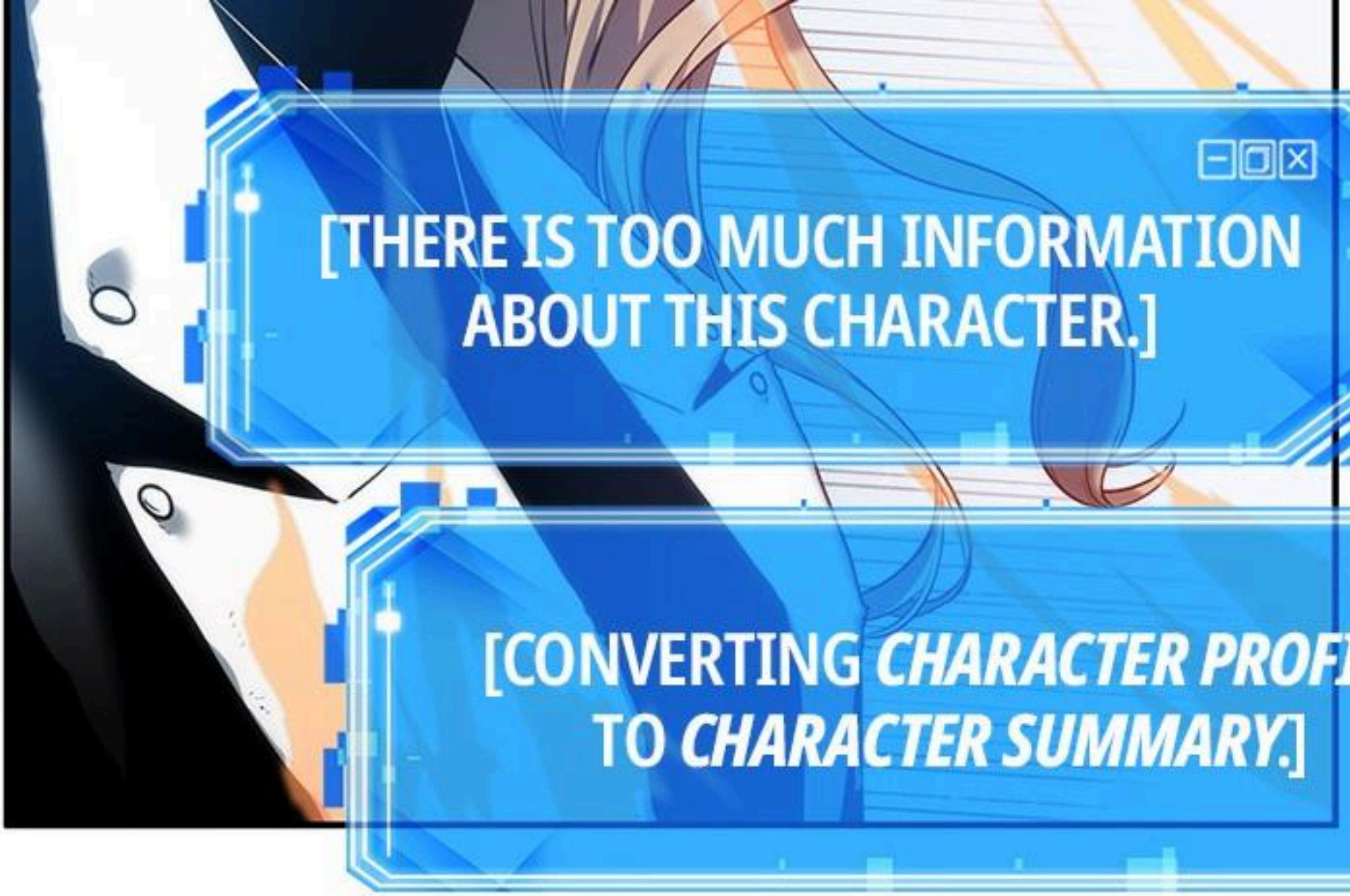


!
[PERSONAL SKILL,
CHARACTER PROFILE, ACTIVATED!]

[ANNA CROFT IS CURRENTLY
USING MENTAL BARRIER LV. 6.]

[*CHARACTER PROFILE* HAS PENETRATED THE *MENTAL BARRIER LV. 6* SKILL.]




[THERE IS TOO MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CHARACTER.]
[CONVERTING *CHARACTER PROFILE* TO *CHARACTER SUMMARY*.]

<CHARACTER SUMMARY>

NAME: ANNA CROFT

ATTRIBUTE: PROPHET (LEGENDARY),
SAVIOR (LEGENDARY)

PERSONAL SKILL: [FUTURE SIGHT LV. 5],
[PAST SIGHT LV. 4],
[INSIGHT LV. 8],
[CLAIRVOYANCE LV. 4],
[UPPER CLASS MAGIC LV. 4],
[MENTAL BARRIER LV. 6],
[ARCH-DEMON'S GAZE LV. 1]...

NG

JUST AS I THOUGHT...!

IRACT

NAME: ANNA CROFT

ATTRIBUTE: PRO LEG

WHY NOW OF ALL...!

SHE CAN ENTER PEOPLE'S CONSCIOUSNESS FREE FROM SPATIAL

LIMITATIONS.

A CHARACTER OF *TWSA* WHO CAN SEE THE FUTURE AND PLANS TO BUILD A NEW FUTURE THROUGH HER VISIONS.

THE PROPHET,
ANNA CROFT.

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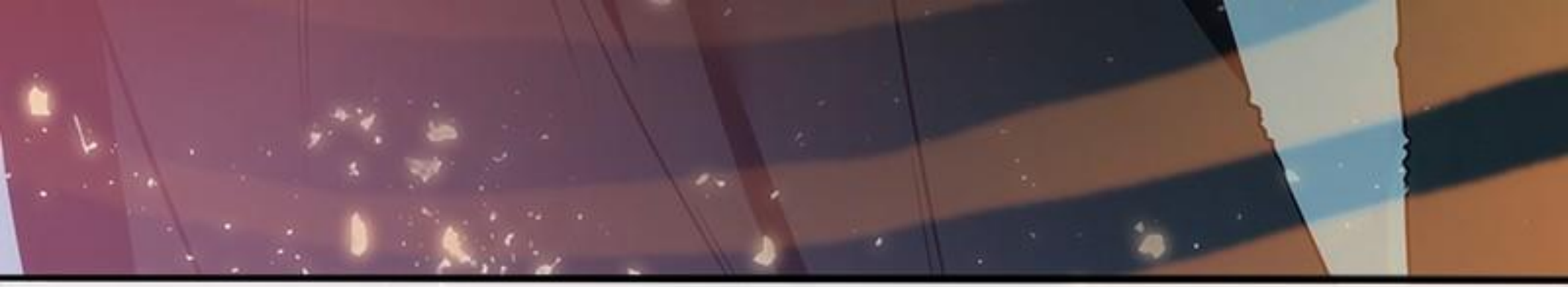
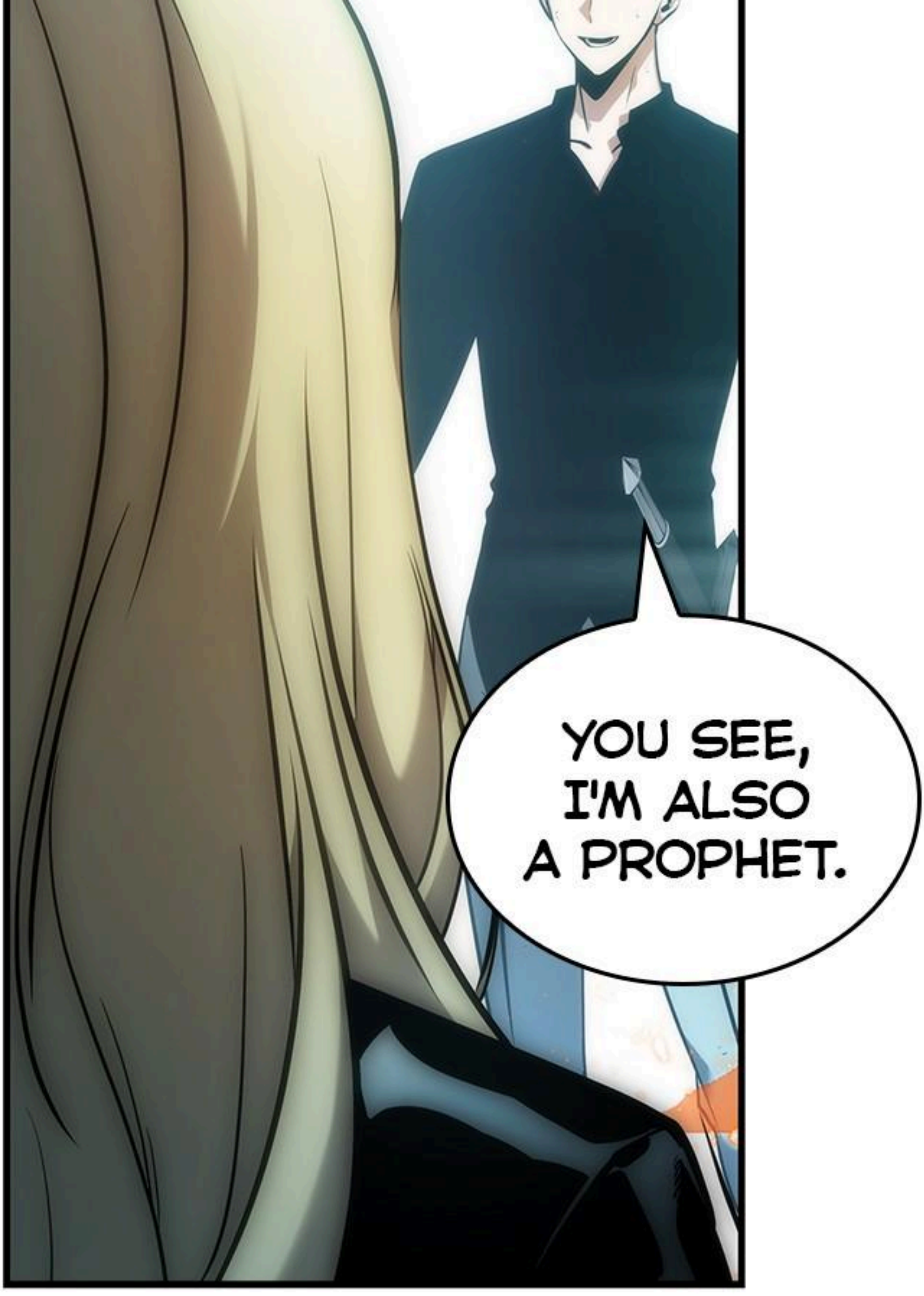
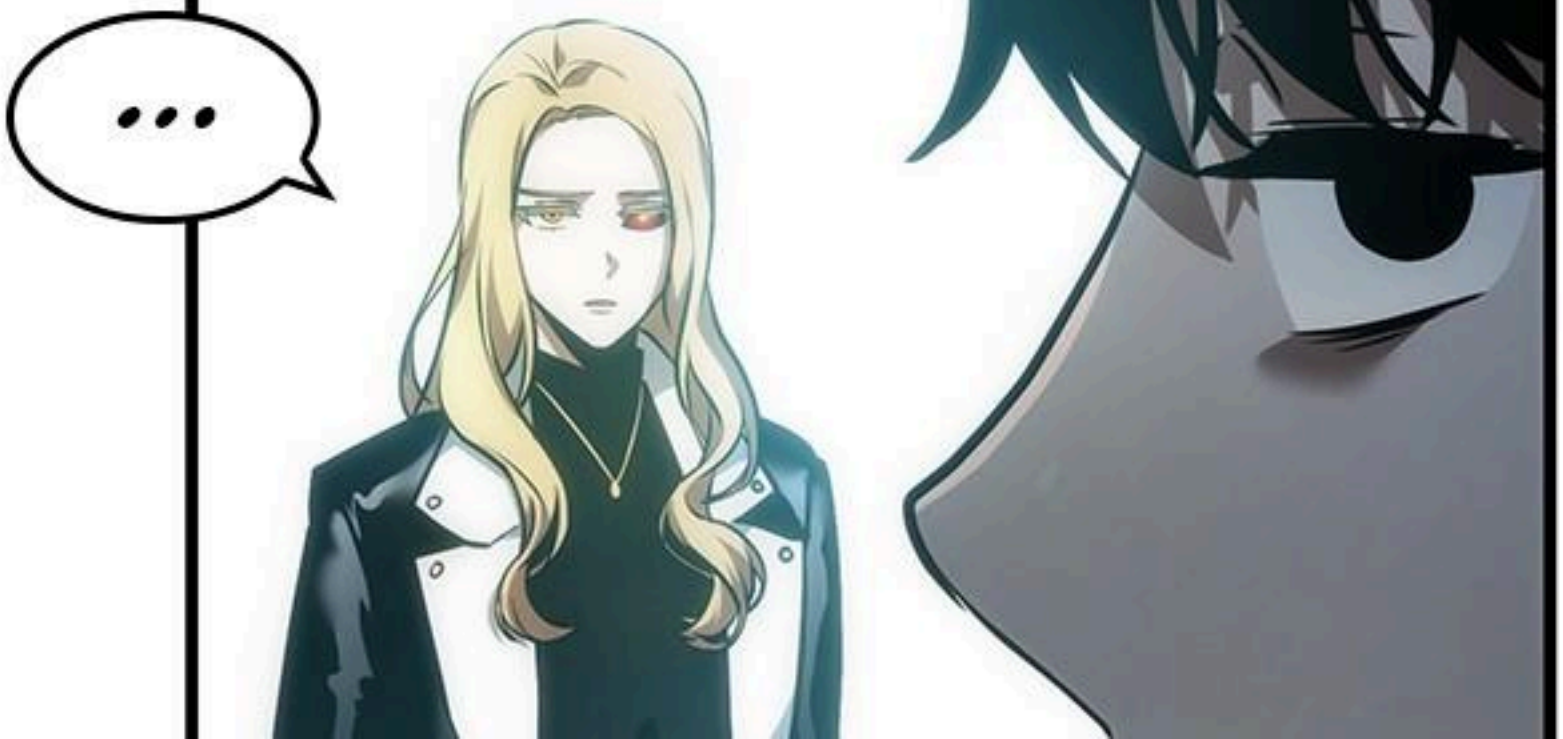


HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?


YOU SEE,
I'M ALSO
A PROPHET.

[ANNA CROFT HAS ACTIVATED THE *MENTAL BARRIER LV. 7* SKILL.]

[THE *MENTAL BARRIER* SKILL HAS DETECTED THAT YOU ARE LYING.]



I GUESS THIS DOESN'T WORK ON A REAL PROPHET.

TELL ME WHO YOU ARE.

WHO ARE YOU?

I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

SHE MUST HAVE NOTICED MY PRESENCE BECAUSE THE EFFECTS OF *THE FOURTH WALL* WERE REDUCED.

IF THE SKILL ACTUALLY DOES WHAT I THINK IT DOES, THAT IS.

SO, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

TO BE HONEST, I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED.

DO YOU REALLY NOT KNOW WHO I AM?

SORRY?

THE *ICHTHYOSAUR NUCLEUS* I SENT YOU.

YOU DID RECEIVE IT, RIGHT?

AND I WON'T TRADE THIS WITH ANYTHING ELSE BUT *BROKEN FAITH.*

DIDN'T YOU USE THE NUCLEUS'S MAGIC

POWER TO IMPLANT THE ARCH-DEMON'S EYEBALL TO YOUR EYE?

A-ARE YOU THE ONE...

WHO REQUESTED ***BROKEN FAITH*** THROUGH THE AUCTION HOUSE?

YOU!
WHAT IS
YOUR NAME?

ARCH-DEMON'S
EYEBALL.

SHE WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE BEEN GIFTED AN ITEM THAT'S WORTH ONE MILLION COINS.

LUCKY HER

HOW...?

[THE EFFECTS OF *THE FOURTH WALL* SKILL
HAVE SLOWLY BEGUN TO RETURN.]

WHY...?
WHY CAN'T I SEE ANYTHING?

WE'LL MEET AGAIN.

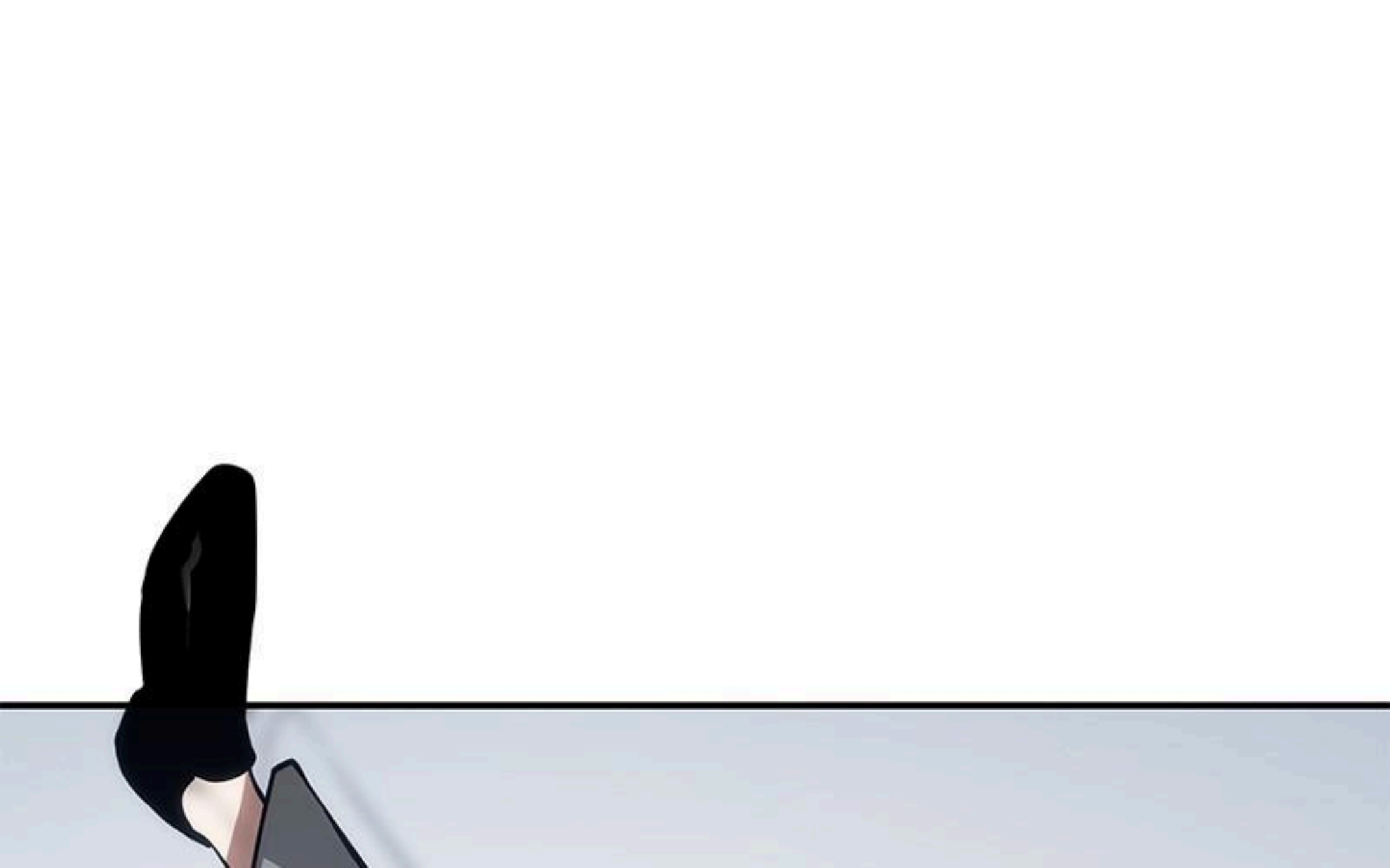
WAIT FOR ME UNTIL THEN, WON'T YOU?

[THE EFFECTS OF *THE FOURTH WALL* SKILL HAVE COMPLETELY RETURNED.]

...
HUFF

[YOU HAVE BECOME IMMUNE
TO THE EFFECTS OF *ILLUSORY PRISON*
DUE TO YOUR SKILL.]

DAMN IT.
THIS TOOK WAY
TOO LONG.



I HAD MY HANDS FULL ALREADY, THEN I HAD TO BUMP INTO *ANNA CROFT.*

THIS ISN'T GOOD.

I WONDER
HOW MUCH TIME

HAS PASSED.

I WONDER IF EVERYONE'S OKAY.

HUFF

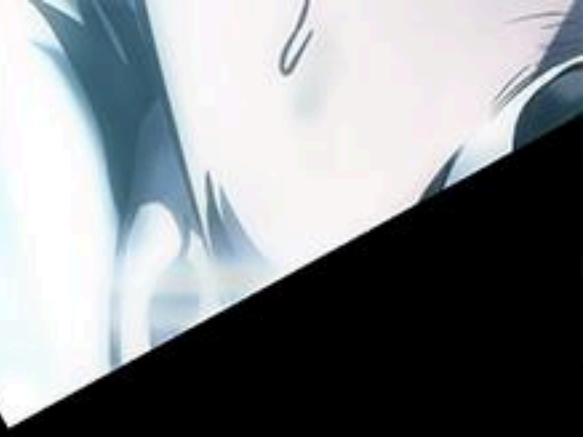
I WONDER IF THE THIRD SCENARIO IS STILL ON THE WAY.

WHAT IF I'M STILL SURROUNDED

BY GROUND RATS?

HULK OFF

AND
JUNGHYEOK YU...
WHAT IF HE KILLED
GILYEONG?



IF HE DID...

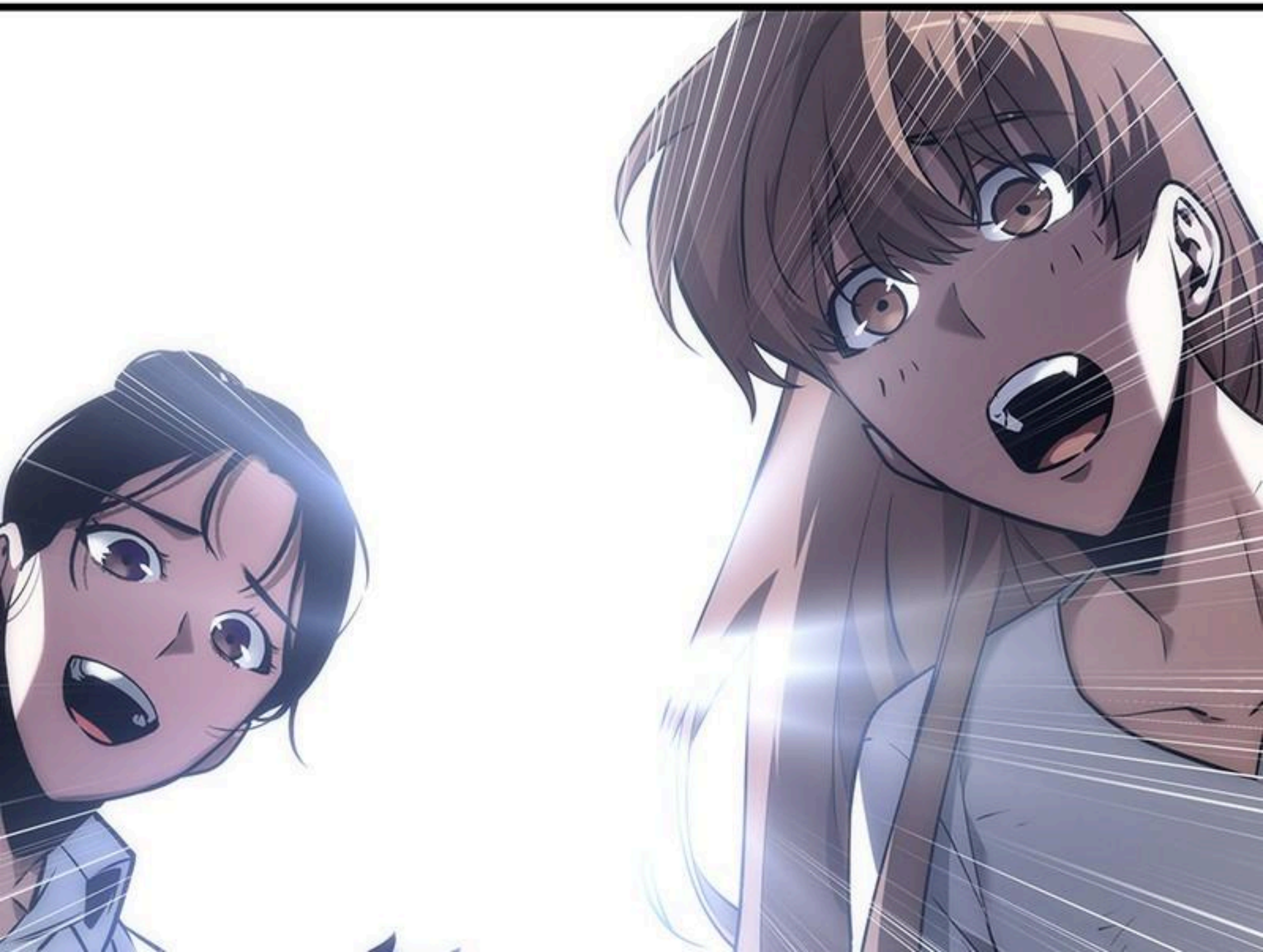
DOKJA.

PLEASE.

DOKJA!

WHOOK!!

[PERSONAL SKILL
DISPEL EVIL LV. 1 ACTIVATED.]



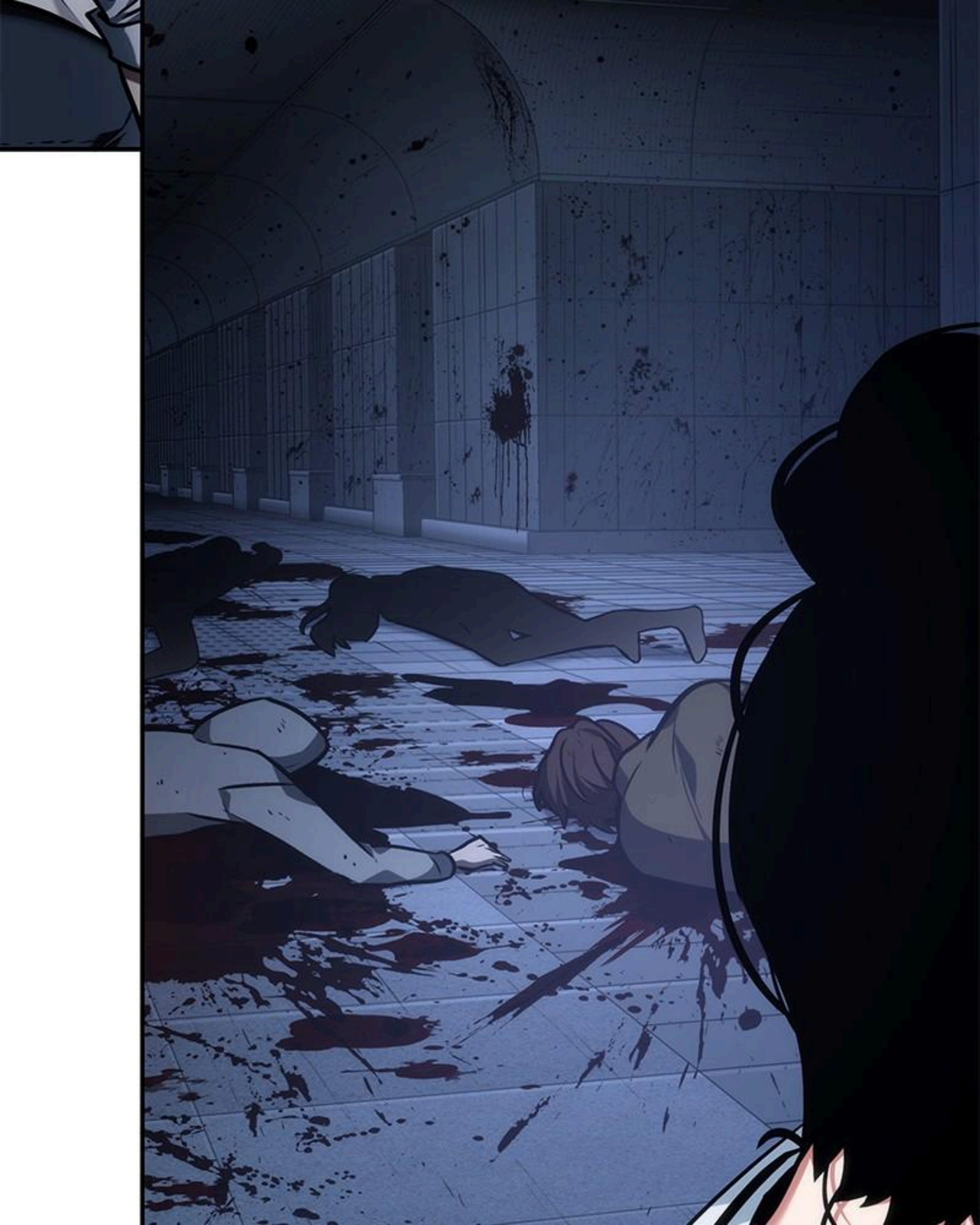
DOKJA!

HUFF
HUFF

WHAT ABOUT THE SCENARIO?

IT'S OVER, DOKJA.

WE MADE IT!



WE SHOULDN'T BE CELEBRATING YET.

SORRY?

WE ONLY SURVIVED FOR ONE DAY.

YESTERDAY
WAS THE FOURTH,
SO...

DOKJA!
NO!

YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT A WINK.

WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?

IT'S
8:30 A.M.

ABOUT
30 MINUTES
HAVE PASSED
SINCE THE
SCENARIO'S
ENDED.

I WASN'T
OUT FOR TOO
LONG THEN.

WHERE'S GILYEONG?
OH, GILYEONG

IS...

WHAT? WHY IS JUNGHYEOK...?

WHEN DID YOU COMPLETE...?

I DON'T THINK I'VE... BEFORE.

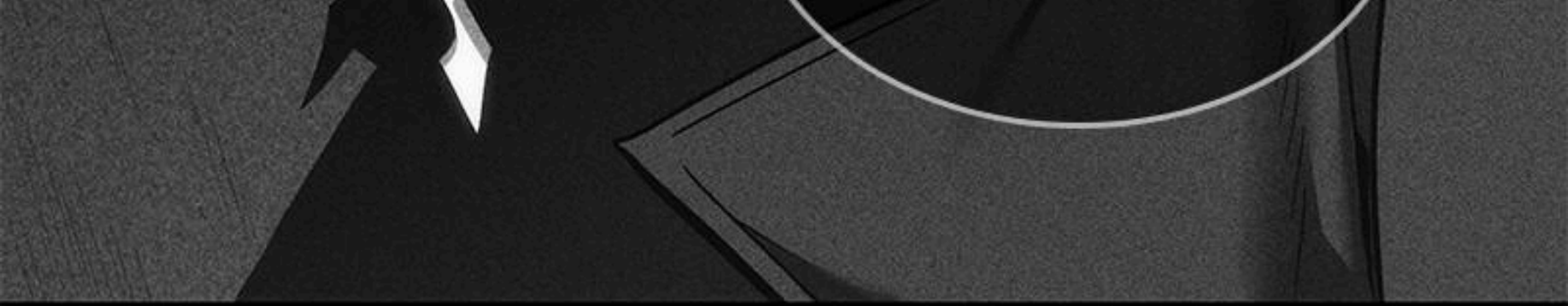
NOT TOO LONG.

DAMN IT,

I CAN'T HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING.

WHEN ONE OF US STARTLED HIM EARLIER, COULD HE HAVE BEEN...?

WHAT IS THAT?
HOW HAS HE...?



ARE YOU
SURE YOU WON'T
COME WITH ME?

YES.

IF YOU DO, YOU'LL BECOME STRONGER AT A MUCH FASTER RATE THAN YOU DO WITH HIM.

I'M STILL NOT GOING WITH YOU.

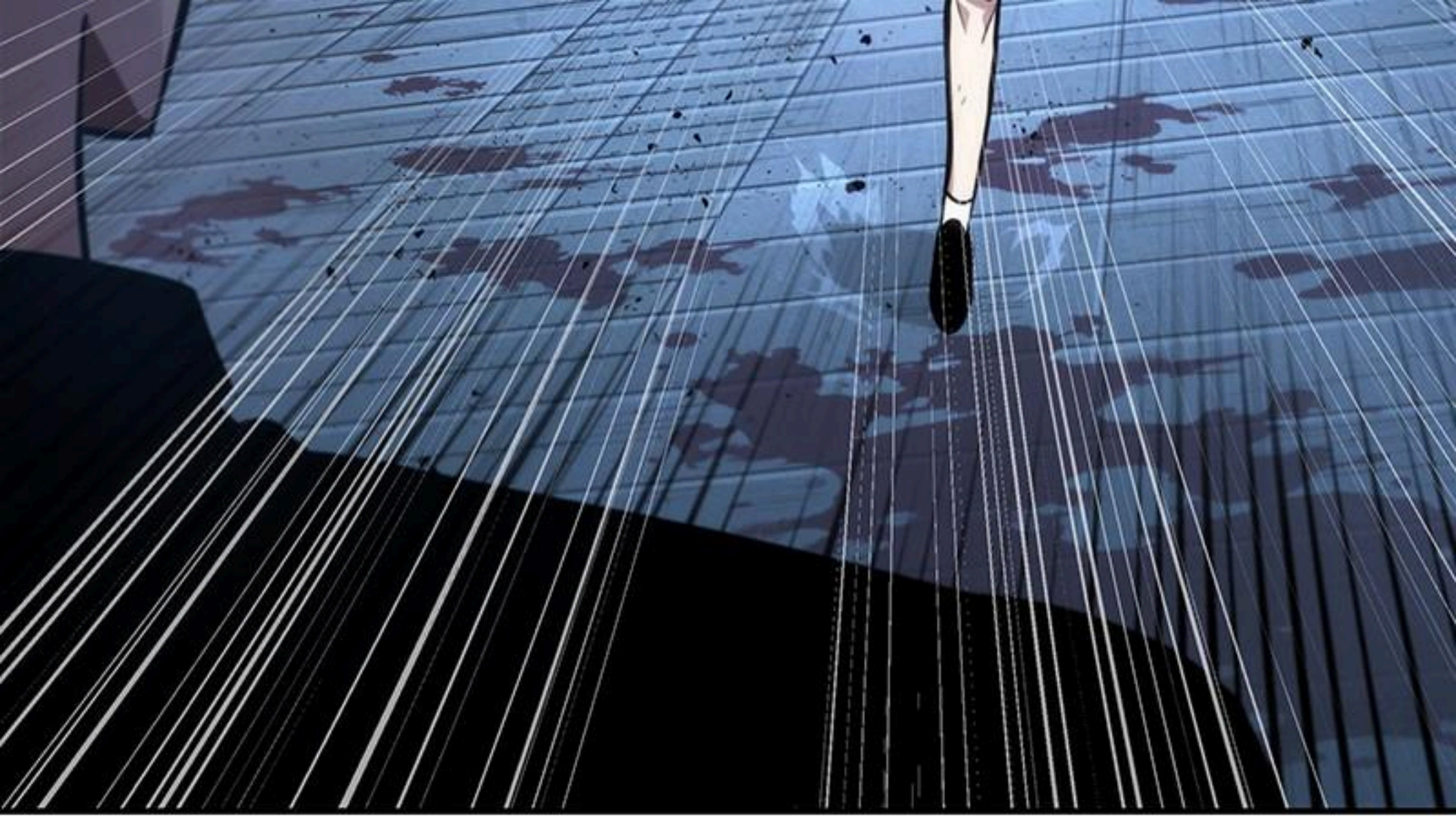
IDIOT CHILD.

[LEVEL 2 OF *OMNISCIENT READER'S VIEWPOINT* ACTIVATED!]

THAT LUCKY BASTARD. I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO KEEP HIM ALIVE FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.

I SHOULD SAY SOMETHING, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO...

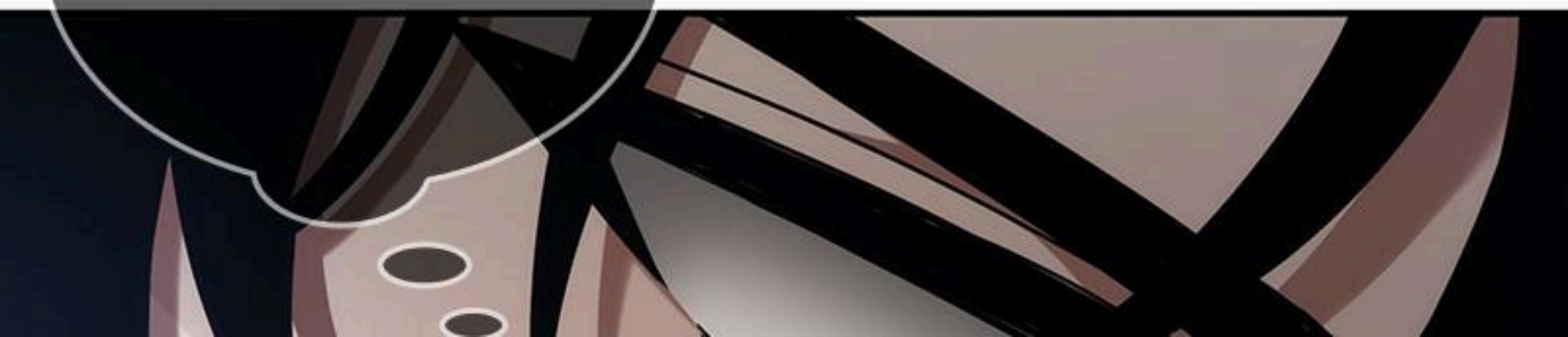
DOKJA!



THERE'S NO MORE TIME TO WASTE. I NEED TO WORK ON TONIGHT'S PLANS.

PLANS?
WHAT
PLANS?

IF I DON'T...

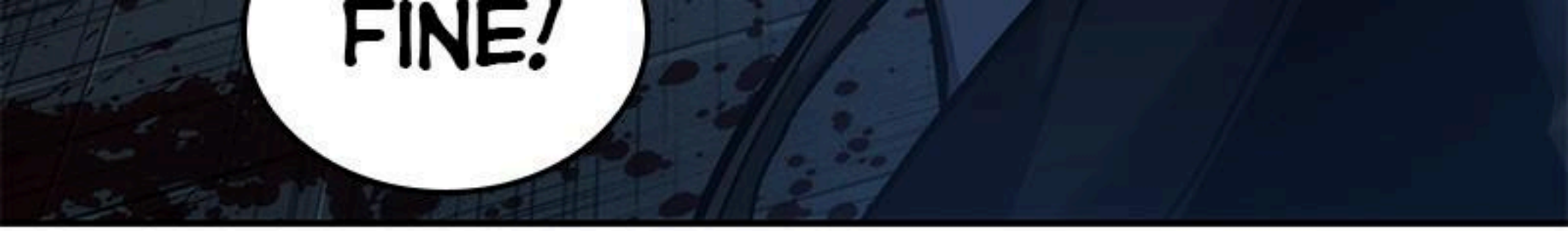


I NEED...
TO THINK...
BUT I'M TOO...
TIRED.

D-DOKJA!
JUST LET HIM SLEEP.

CRASH

YOU SHOULD GET OFF HIM, GILYEONG.


FINE!

<MAIN SCENARIO #3 - GREEN ZONE>

CATEGORY: MAIN

DIFFICULTY: C

CLEAR CONDITIONS:
OCCUPY A GREEN ZONE IN THE STATION AND SURVIVE THE MONSTERS THAT EMERGE EACH NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT. THIS SCENARIO WILL LAST FOR 7 DAYS.

DURATION: 8 HOURS

REWARDS: 1,000 COINS

PENALTY FOR FAILURE: -

[THIRD DAY COMPLETE.]

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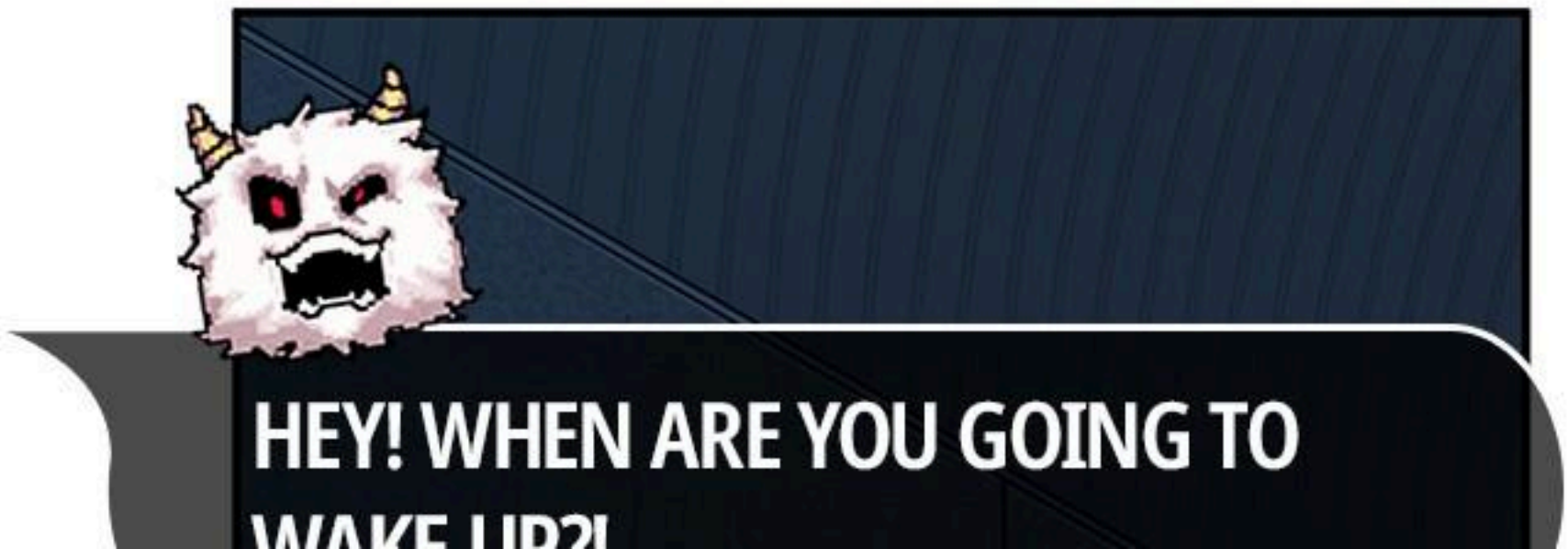
HEY! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO
WAKE UP?!

WAKE UP!!

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EUL

...

DOKJA IS
FINALLY UP.

HOW'S
HYEONSEONG'S

THIGH FEELING?

HEHEHE

TODAY'S ROLL-CALL...
MUMBLE

...WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ORDERLY OFFICER...

...

NO WONDER SOMETHING FELT A LITTLE OFF.

IT WAS AS IF I WAS BACK IN THE ARMY.

YOU'RE FINALLY UP. TAKE THIS.

HA

OW, MY NECK...

[THE CONSTELLATION, *DEMONIC JUDGE OF FIRE*, IS SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS YOUR TRAUMA.]

[THE CONSTELLATION, *ABYSSAL BLACK FLAME DRAGON*, SHOWS INTEREST IN YOUR PAST.]

[THE CONSTELLATION, *SECRETIVE PLOTTER*, WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR MOTHER.]

[THE CONSTELLATIONS HAVE HAVE GIFTED YOU 1,800 COINS.]

IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE BASTARDS HAD A PEEK INTO MY PAST.

[YOU HAVE ENDURED A NIGHT IN CHUNGMURO WITHOUT A *GREEN ZONE*.]

[YOU HAVE BECOME THE SECOND PLAYER IN CHUNGMURO TO HAVE EARNED THE *ENDLESS DAWN* ACHIEVEMENT!]

[YOU HAVE RECEIVED 1,000 COINS FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENT.]

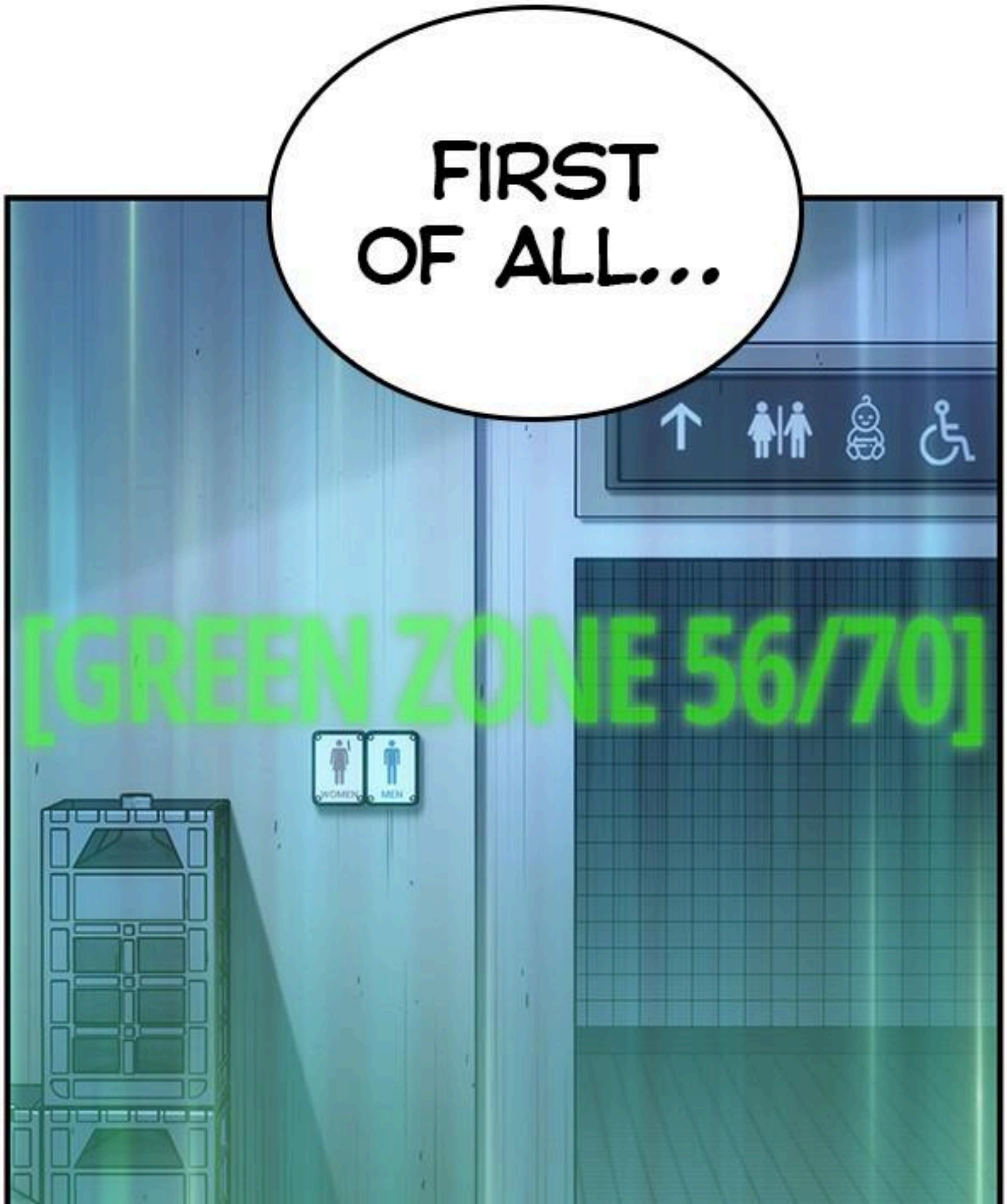
[COINS IN POSSESSION: 22,650 C]

GOOD.
I'VE SAVED
ENOUGH COINS
NOW.

YAWN
WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR TONIGHT?

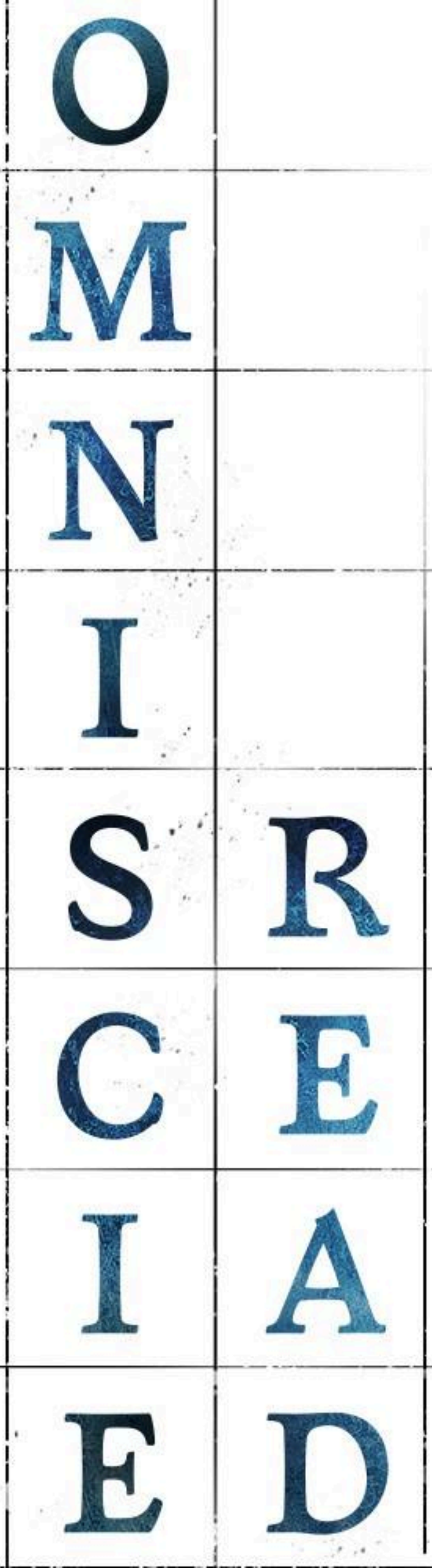
UNFORTUNATELY, *TWSA* DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON WHERE THE HIDDEN GREEN ZONES WOULD SPAWN ON THE FOURTH DAY.

WE WILL PUT AN END TO THE THIRD SCENARIO TODAY.
DOKJA...
WHAT? HOW?



[GREEN ZONE 56/70]

...LET'S
GO HUNT DOWN
THE LANDLORD.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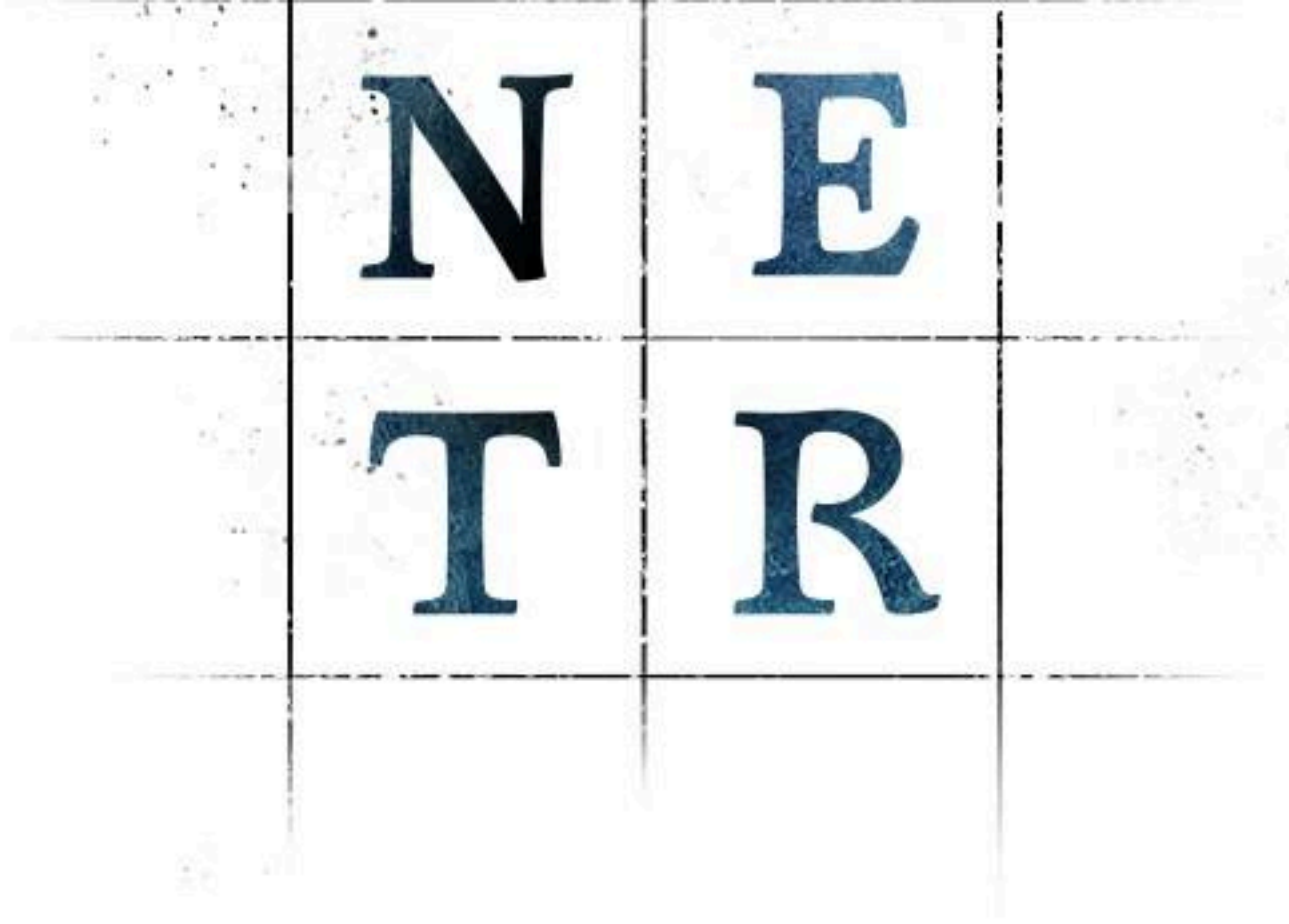

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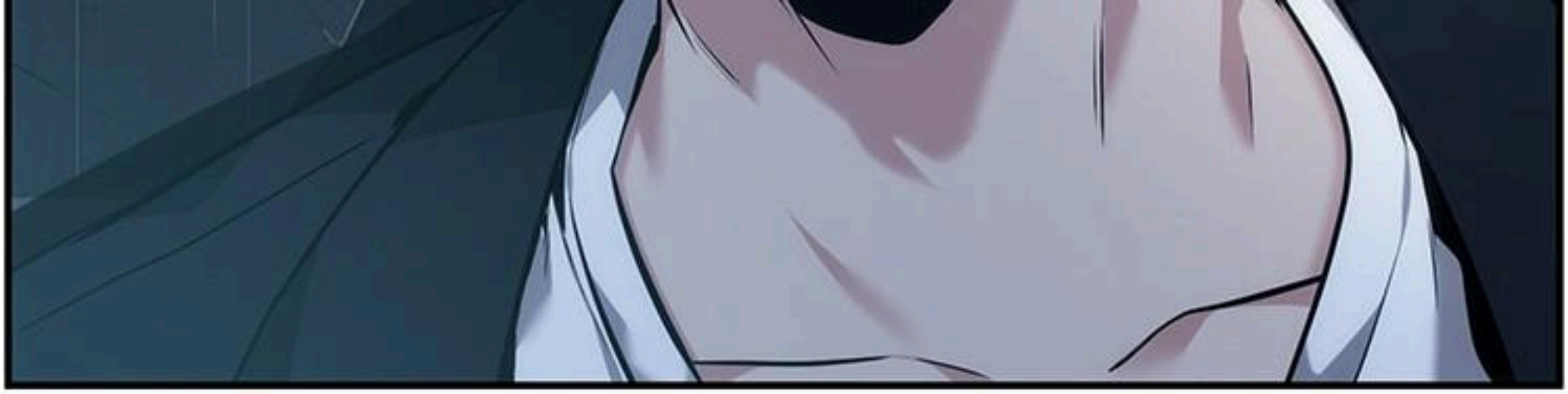
Chapter 8

Emergency Defense

Part 1

HYEONSEONG?



OH.
I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF FOR A MOMENT.

DID YOU REST WELL, DOKJA?

YEAH, I GUESS.

YOU'VE BEEN TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP. CALLING YOURSELF "PRIVATE HYEONSEONG LEE" AND WHATNOT...

W-WELL...
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE OF MY TRAUMAS FROM EARLY YEARS IN THE MILITARY.

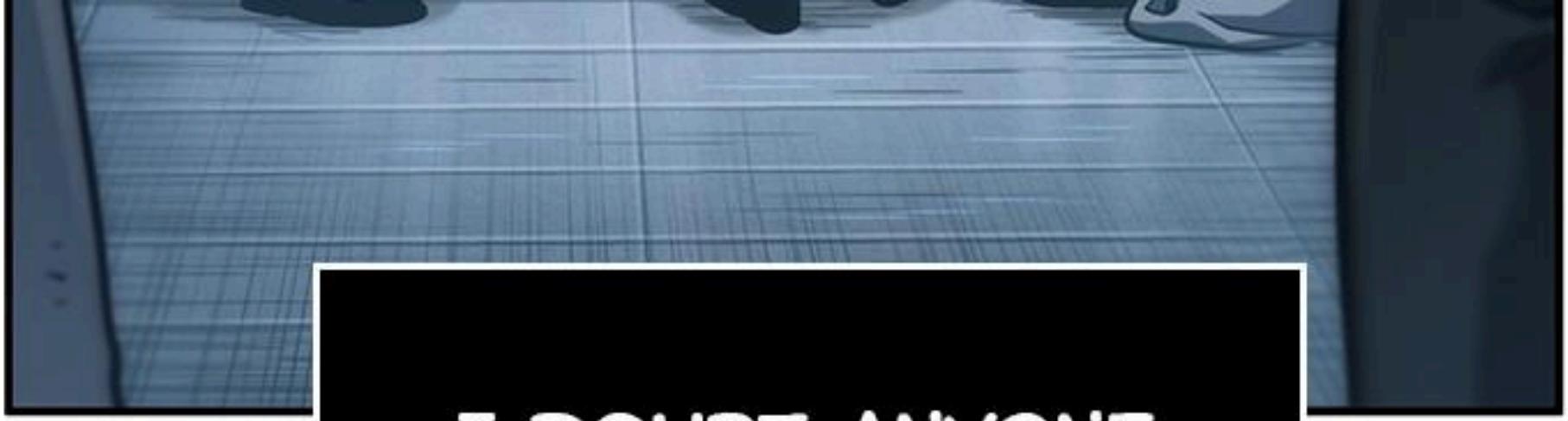
BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE A COMMISSIONED OFFICER?

I WAS PROMOTED NEAR THE END OF MY COMPULSORY

SERVICE.

I HEARD THAT WAS RARE. THE MILITARY MUST HAVE SUITED YOU.

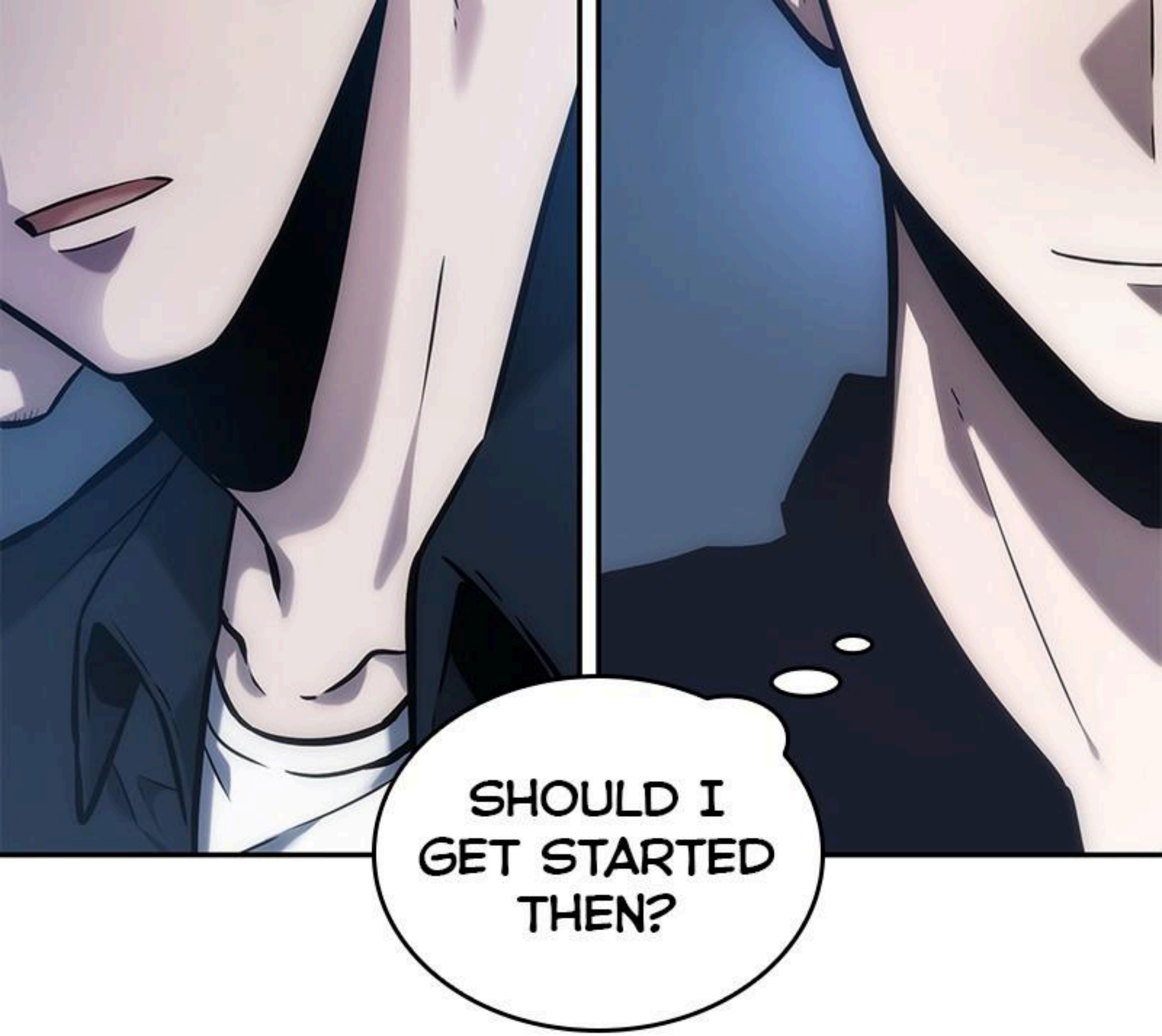
HAHA



I DOUBT ANYONE REALLY ENJOYS MILITARY SERVICE THOUGH.

THERE WAS NO MENTION OF HYEONSEONG'S MILITARY SERVICE IN *TWSA*,

BUT I'M SURE IT WASN'T EASY FOR HIM.


SHOULD I GET STARTED THEN?

STILL,
I'M RELIEVED
THAT YOU'RE ON
OUR SIDE.

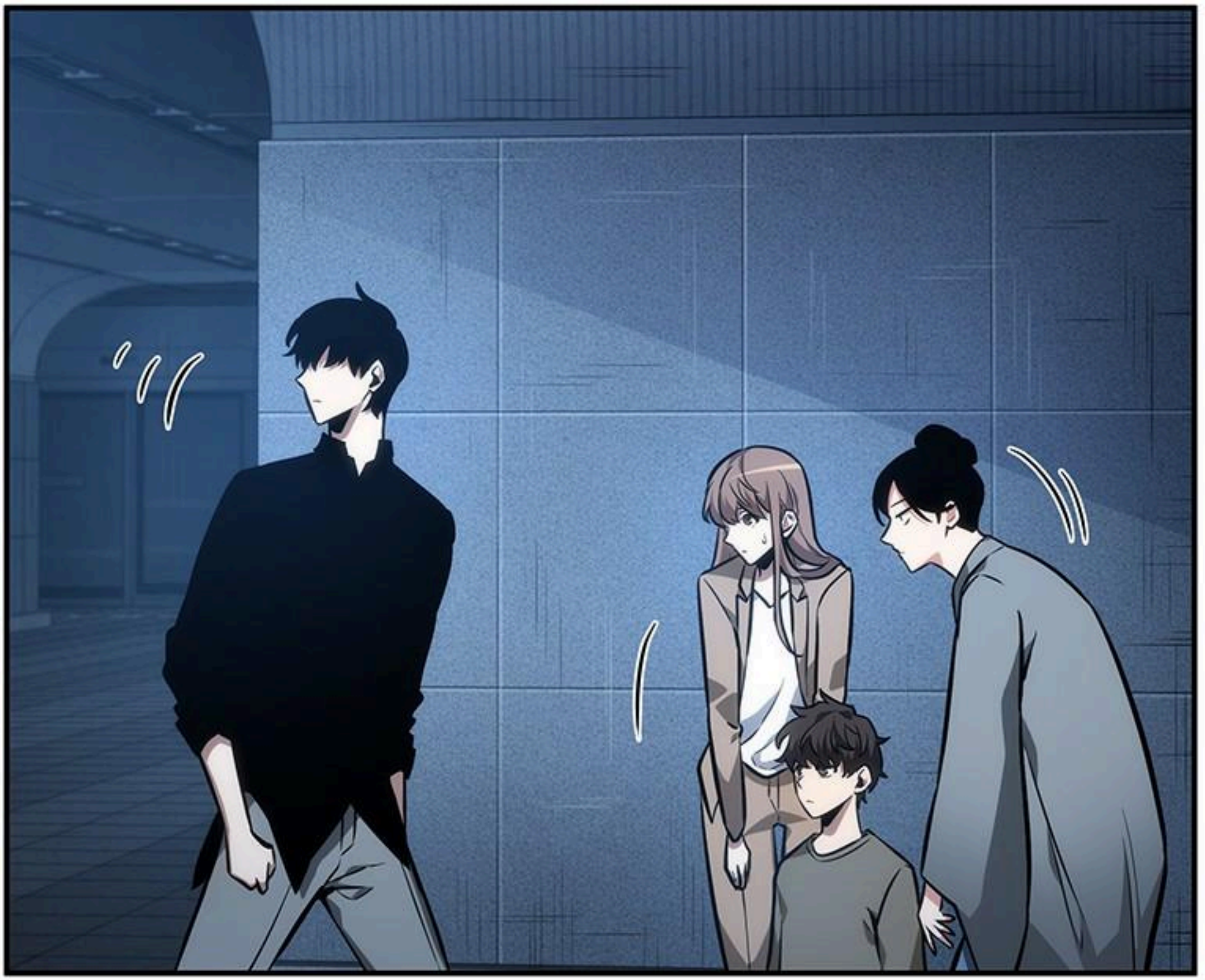
SORRY?

I FEEL REASSURED TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE YOU AT THE HELM.

I FEEL

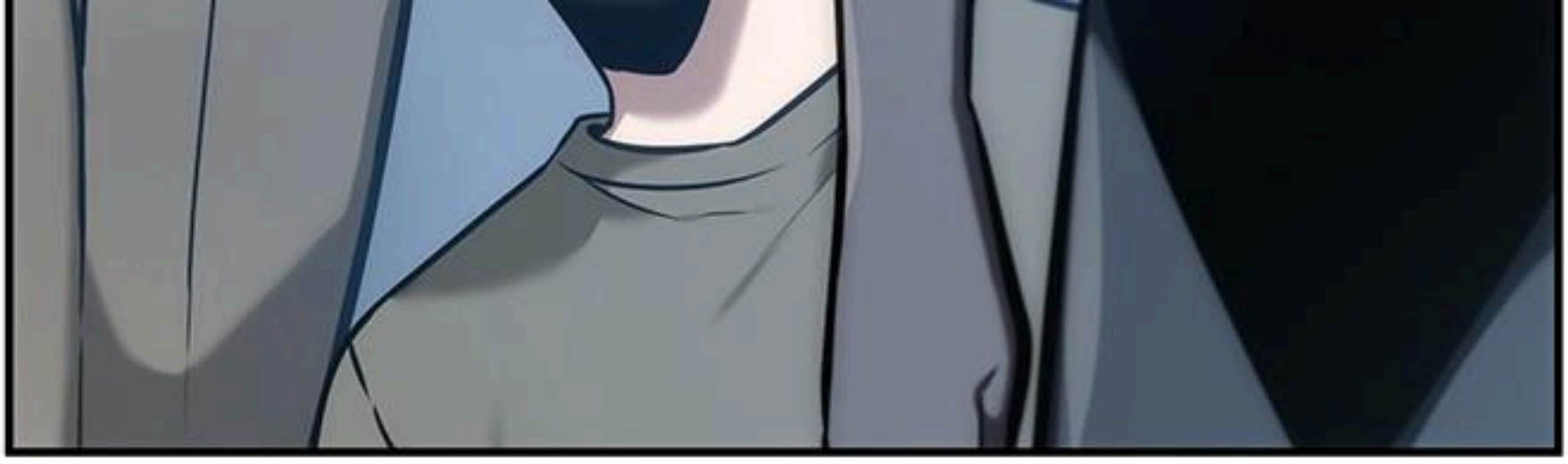
I FEEL VERY MUCH PROTECTED.

REALLY?



DID YOU GET A GOOD LOOK?
JUST DO WHAT I JUST DID.
...

BUT
WHAT IS
THIS FOR?
TO HELP
HYEONSEONG.



HE SEEMS RATHER DOWN AS OF LATE.
MAYBE HE'LL FEEL BETTER IF WE CHEER HIM ON A LITTLE.

ACCORDING TO *TWSA*, HYEONSEONG'S ATTRIBUTE SHOULD HAVE BLOSSOMED...

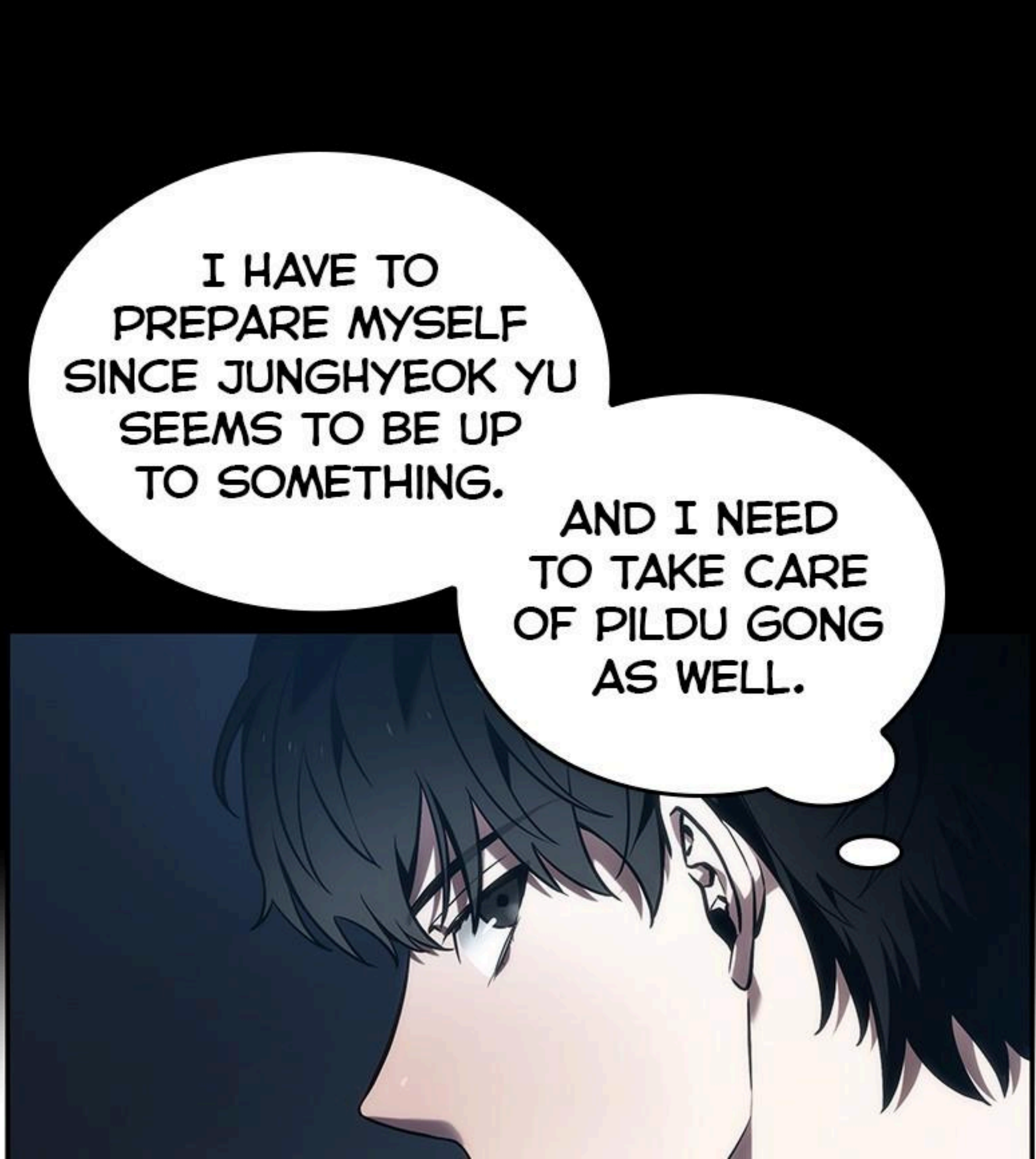
WHILE DEFENDING
EVERYONE FROM THE
CHEOLDU GANG
IN GEUMHO STATION.

BUT IT WAS HUIWON
WHO UNDERWENT
THAT TRANSITION
INSTEAD.

[*HUIWON JEONG*'S ATTRIBUTE
IS ABOUT TO BLOSSOM.]

I HAVE TO PREPARE MYSELF SINCE JUNGHYEOK YU SEEMS TO BE UP TO SOMETHING.

AND I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF PILDU GONG AS WELL.



I NEED TO HAVE HYEONSEONG BLOSSOM HIS ATTRIBUTE.

IS THIS SOMETHING LIKE THAT *WHALE DONE APPROACH?*

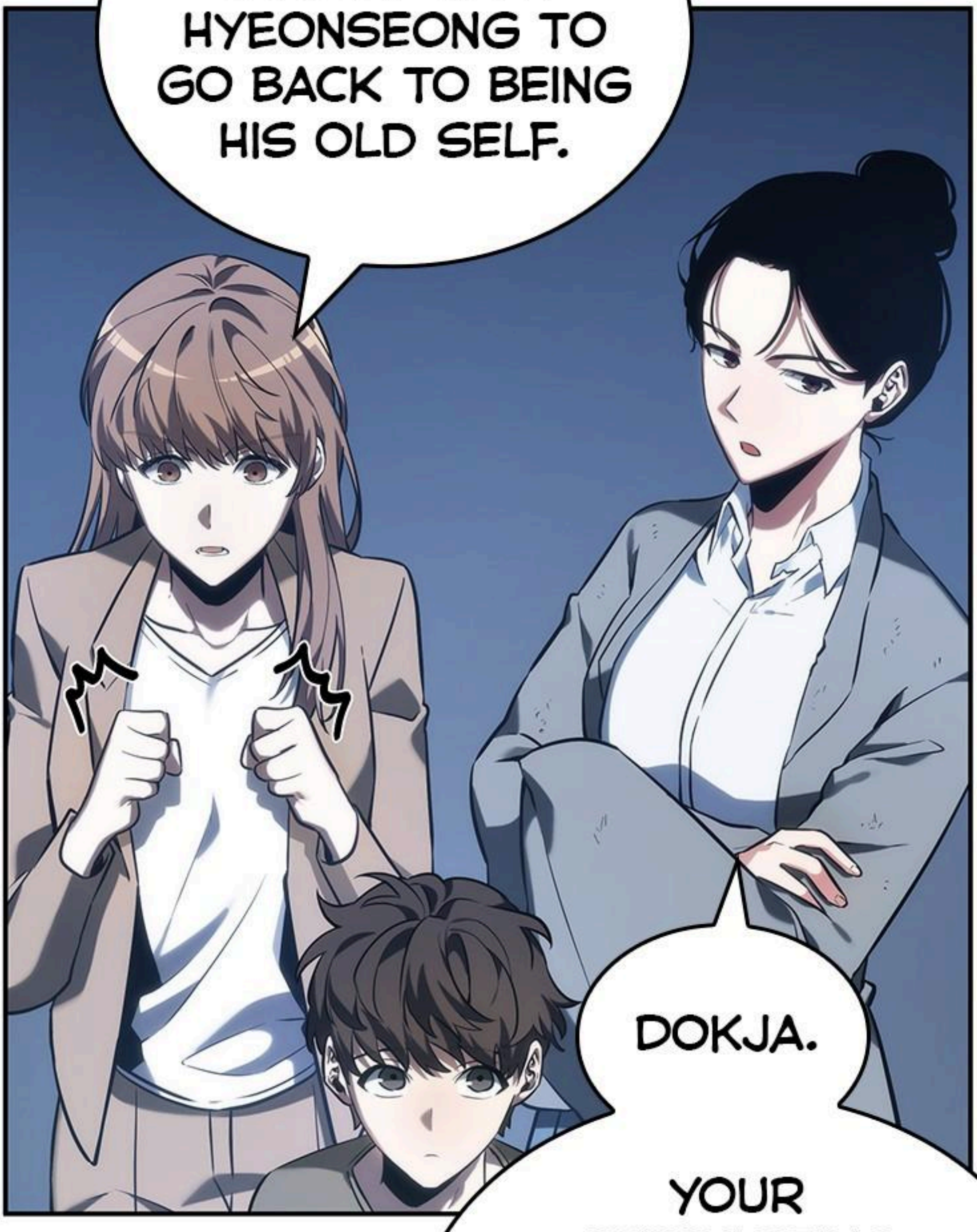
I GUESS.

SQUEAK SQUEAK

[*HYEONSEONG LEE* IS BEGINNING TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE.]

OKAY

OKAY.
I ALSO WANT HYEONSEONG TO GO BACK TO BEING HIS OLD SELF.



DOKJA.

YOUR

SUPPORTING CONSTELLATION ISN'T CALLED ***ONE-EYED FORTUNE-TELLER*** BY ANY CHANCE?

WHAT'S THAT?

WHO IS IT? WHO MADE THAT

WHO MADE THAT SQUEAKING NOISE?

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO GUNGYE IS?

A ONE-EYED FORTUNE-TELLER?

NO.
IT'S ACTUALLY JUST A SKILL OF MINE.

LET'S SAY
THAT IT HELPS
ME UNDERSTAND
PEOPLE BETTER.

ANYWAY,
PLEASE LOOK
AFTER
HYEONSEONG AS
I'VE ASKED.

ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO IS
TAKE TURNS

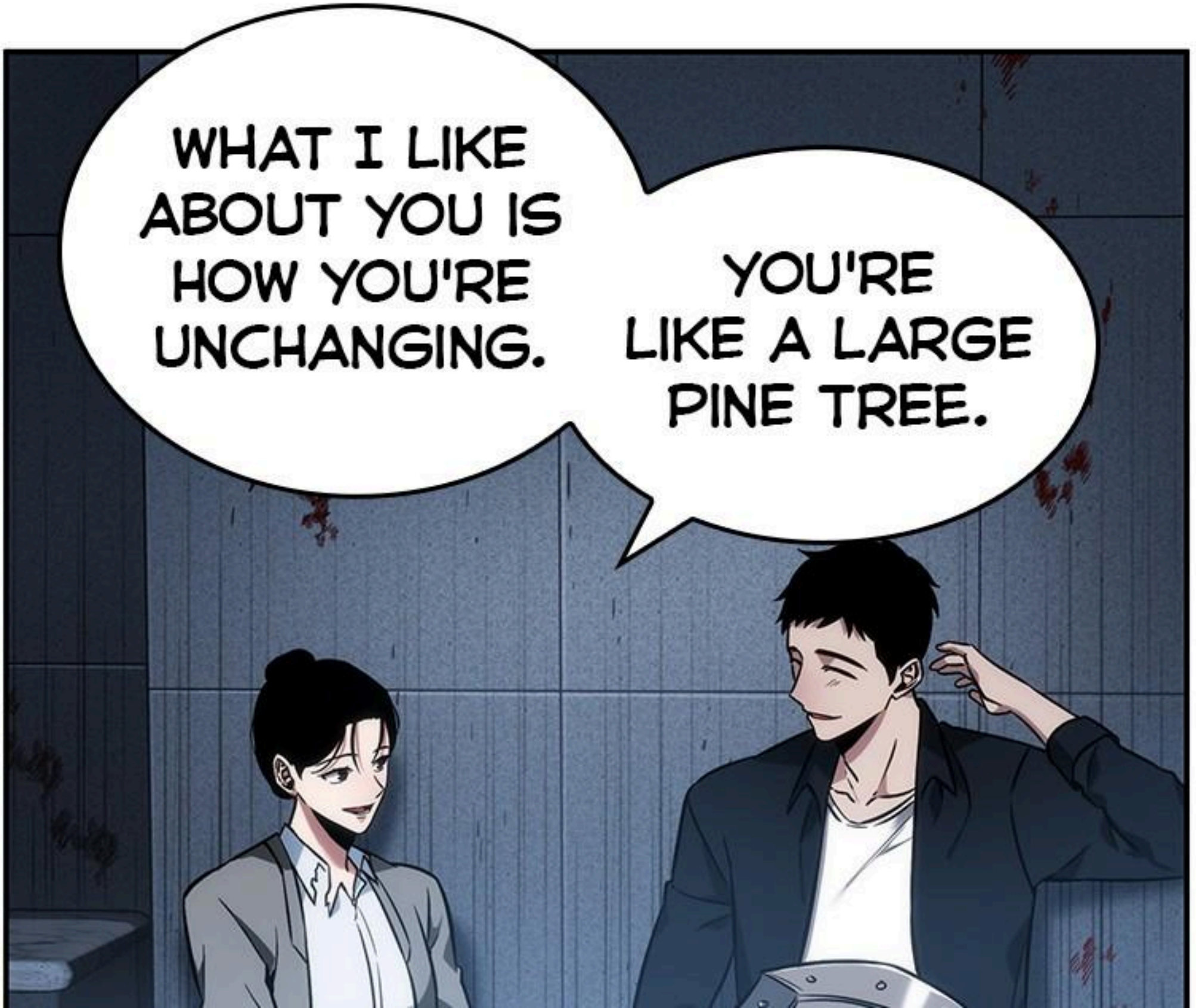
TAKE TURNS
CHEERING
HIM ON.

HOW
SUSPICIOUS...

<DOKJA'S INTERMISSION SCENARIO>

~WHALE DONE!~

<1ST CHALLENGER>
HUIWON JEONG



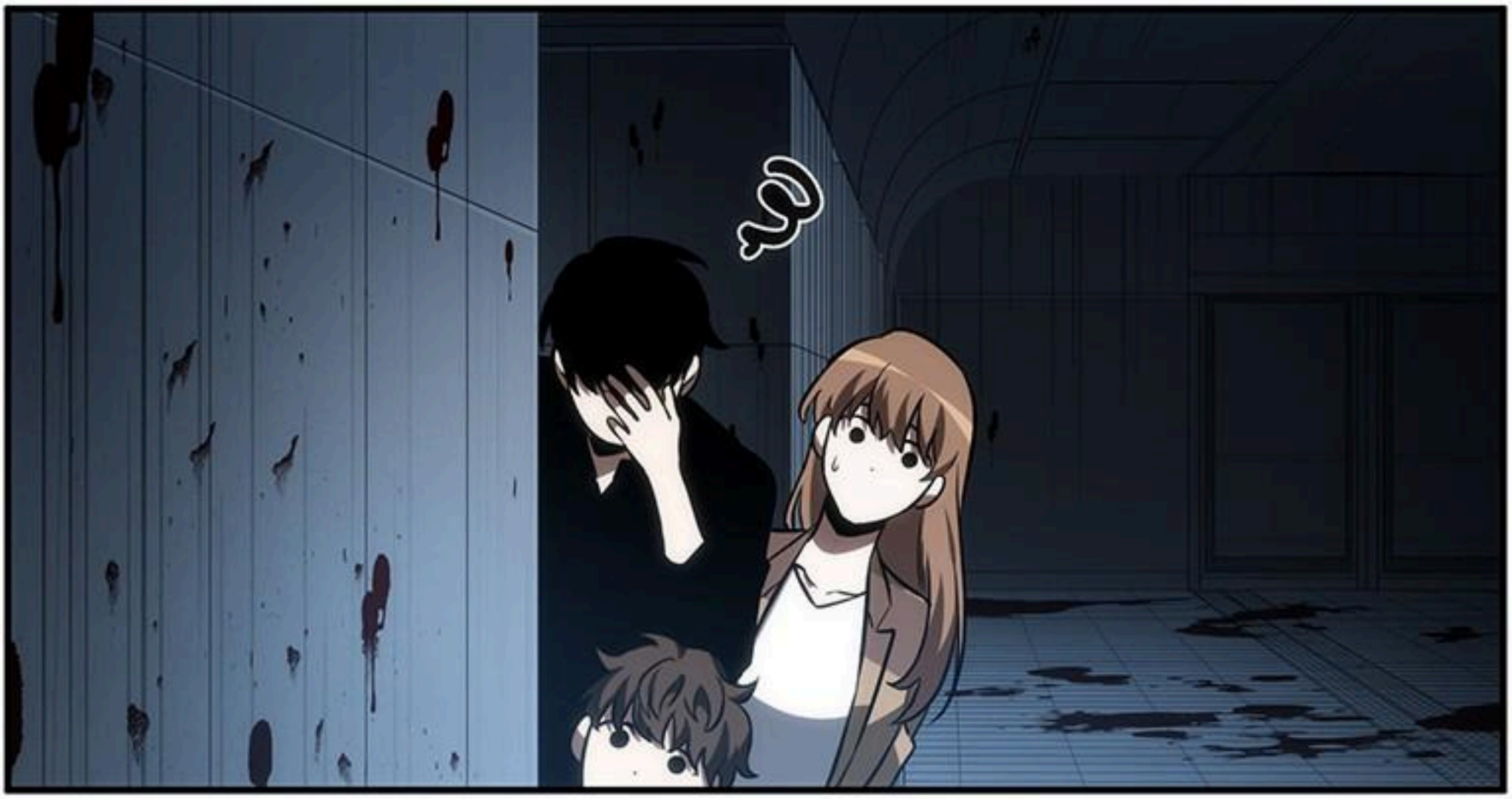
HAHA.
THANK YOU,
HUIWON.

MY FAVORITE SONG IN THE MILITARY WAS *GREEN PINE TREE.*

[HYEONSEONG LEE
FEELS CONTENT.]

...I NEVER ASKED YOU THAT.

[*HYEONSEONG LEE* BECAME A LITTLE SULLEN.]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<2ND CHALLENGER>
SANGAH YU

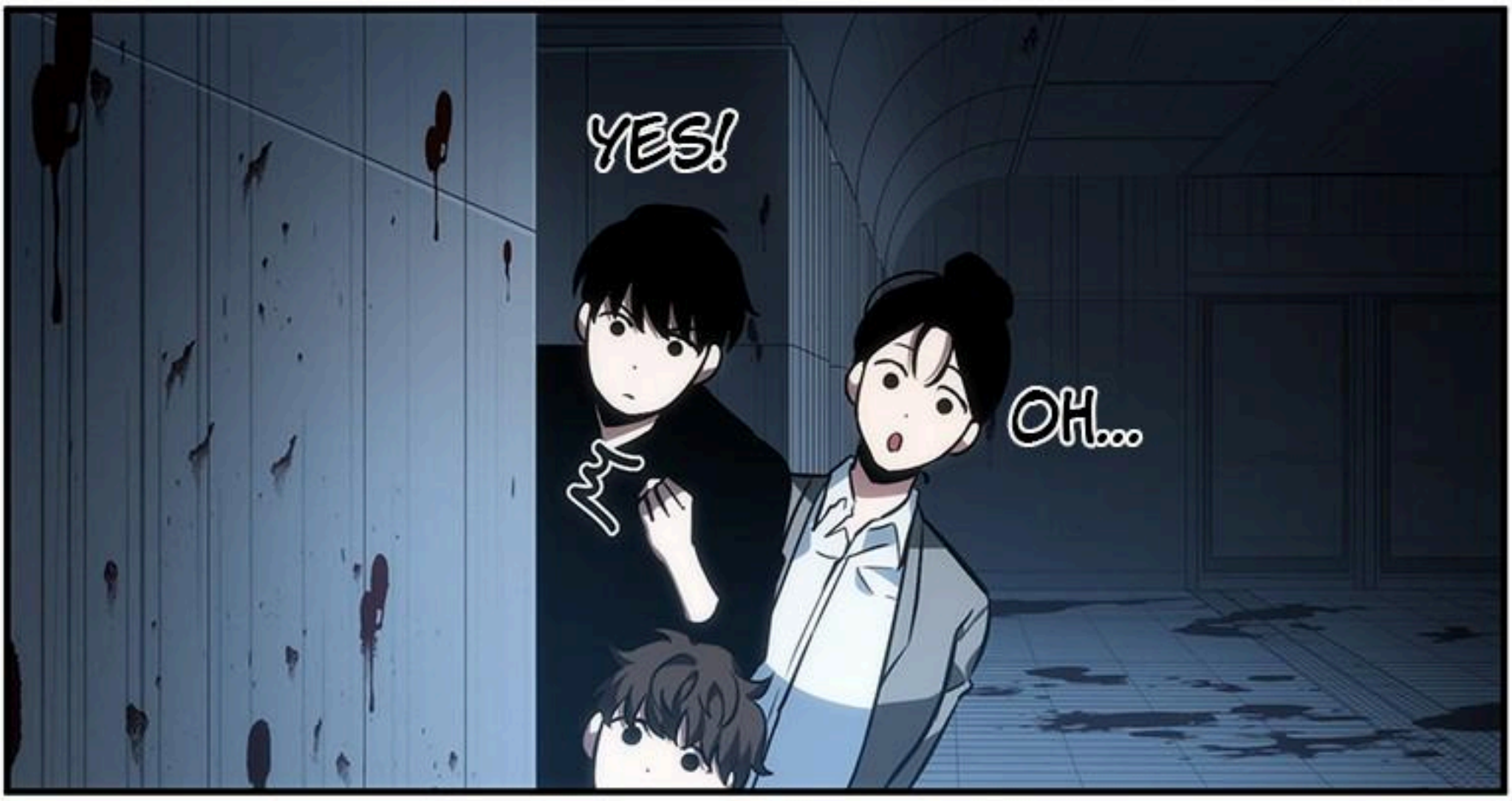
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER MET SOMEONE AS DRIVEN BY JUSTICE AS YOU ARE.

OH...
NOT REALLY...

TO BE HONEST, I'M JUST...

[*HYEONSEONG LEE* BEGINS TO PONDER WHAT JUSTICE IS.]

BUT STILL... THANK YOU, SANGAH.


YES!
OH...

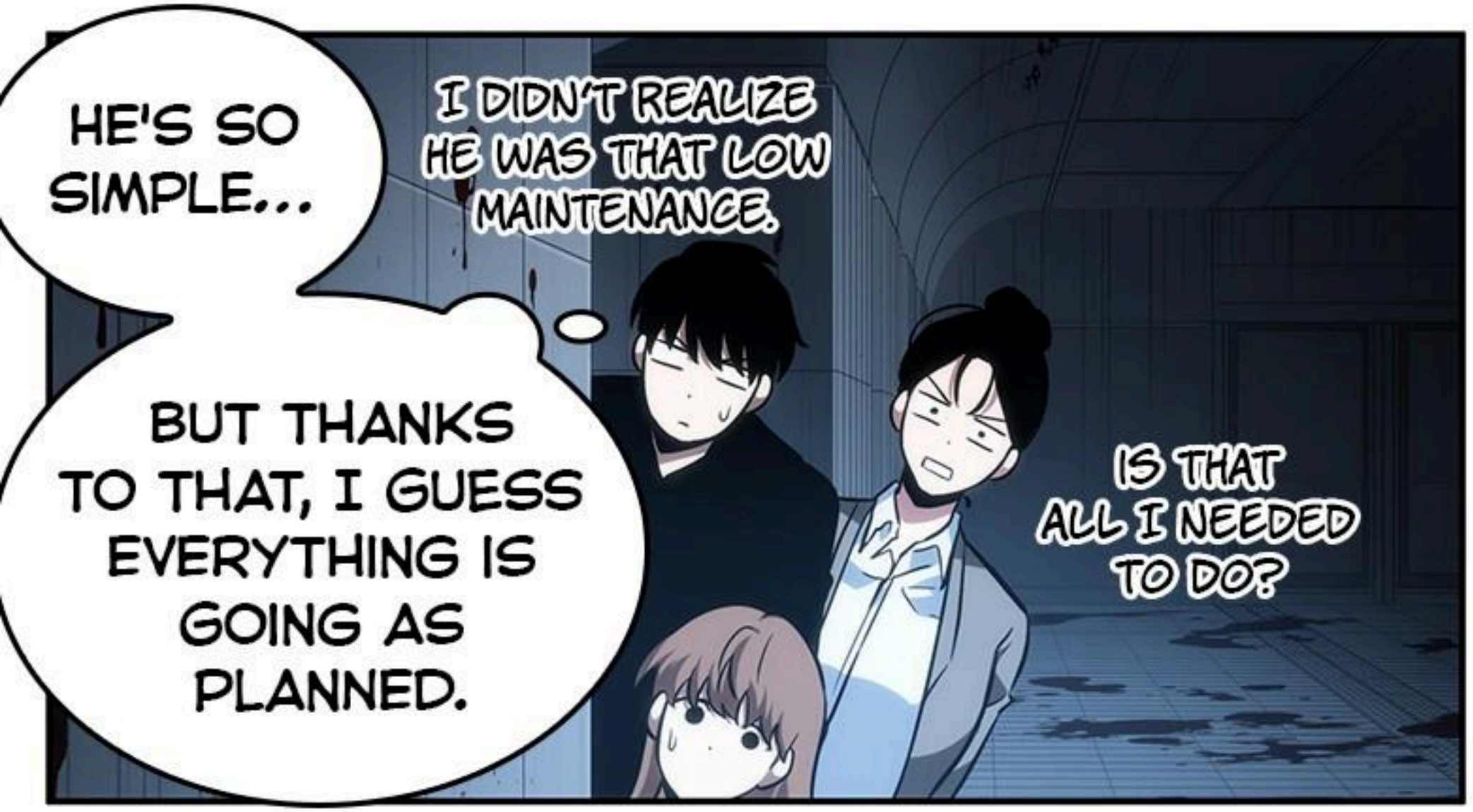
<3RD CHALLENGER>
GILYEONG LEE

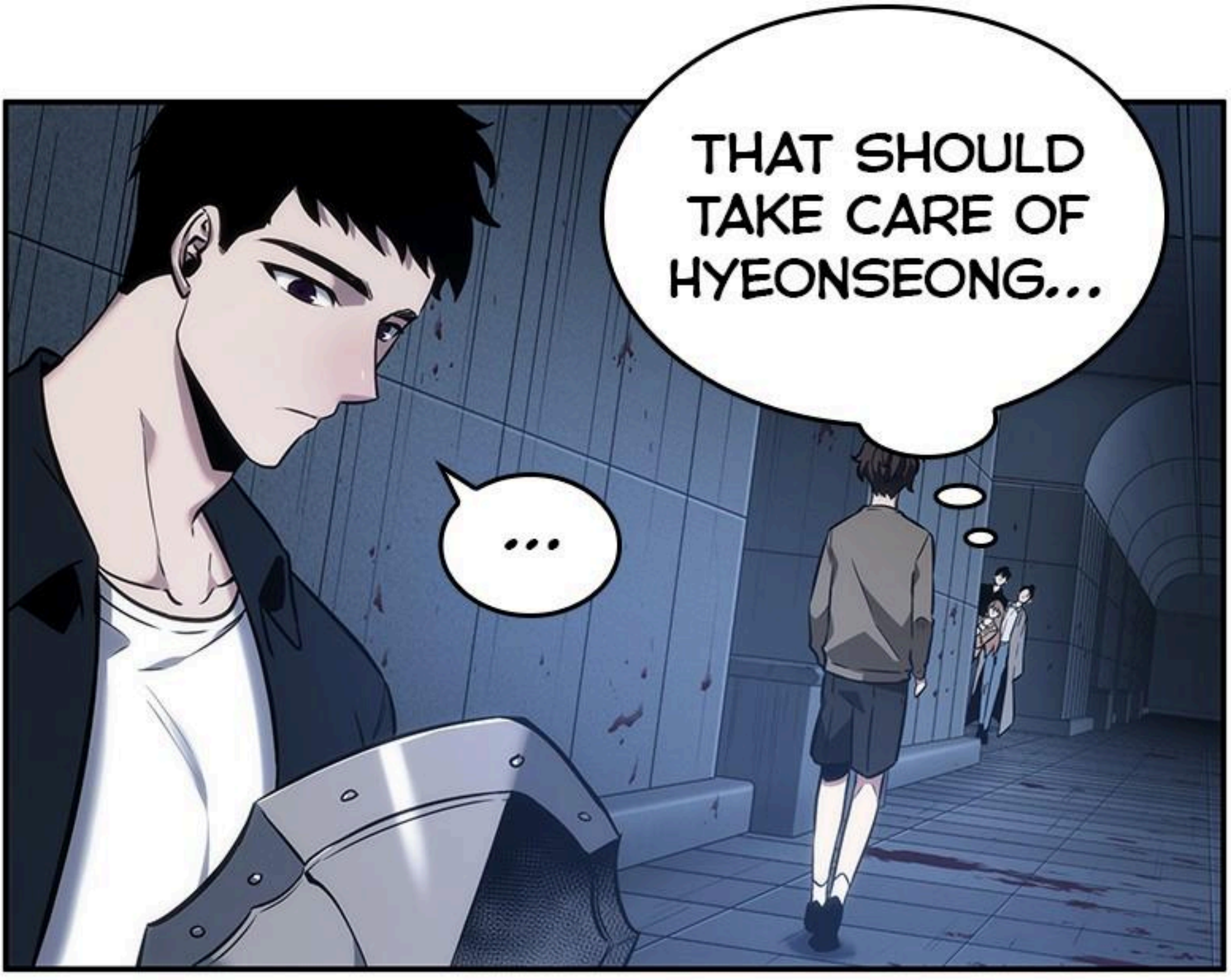
HYEONSEONG, YOUR MUSCLES ARE AWESOME

ARE AWESOME.

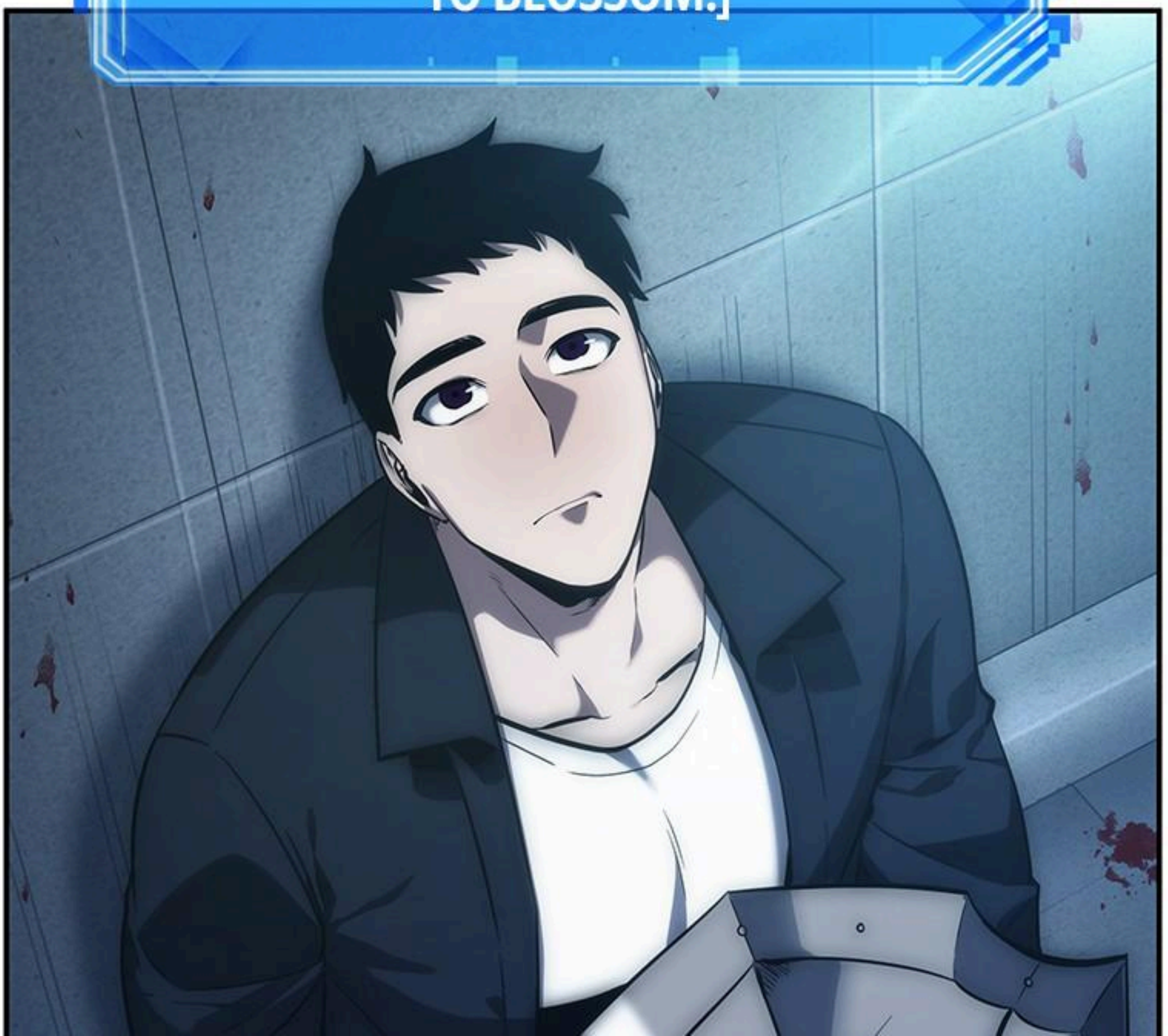
THANKS, KIDDO.

[*HYEONSEONG LEE*'S SELF-ESTEEM INCREASED.]


HE'S SO SIMPLE...
BUT THANKS TO THAT, I GUESS EVERYTHING IS GOING AS PLANNED.
I DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS THAT LOW MAINTENANCE.
IS THAT ALL I NEEDED TO DO?

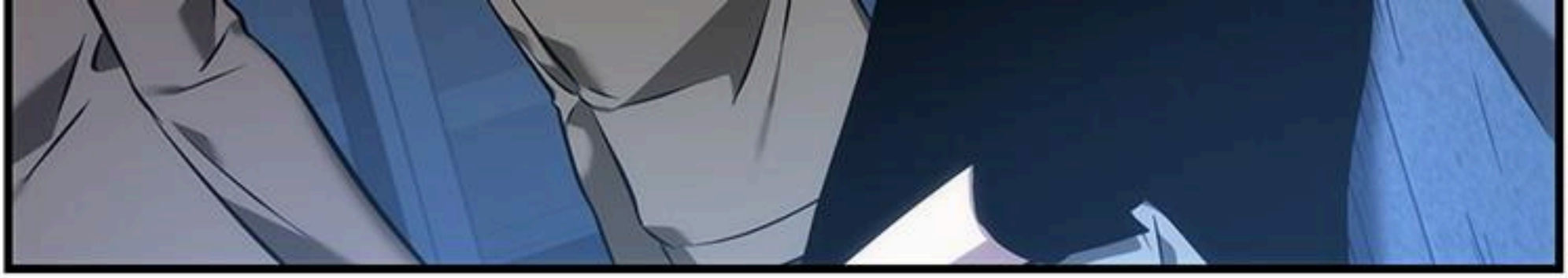

THAT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF HYEONSEONG...
...

[*HYEONSEONG LEE* IS AWAITING THE CHANCE FOR HIS ATTRIBUTE TO BLOSSOM.]



WELL DONE, GILYEONG.

AND DID YOU LOOK INTO WHAT I ASKED FOR?



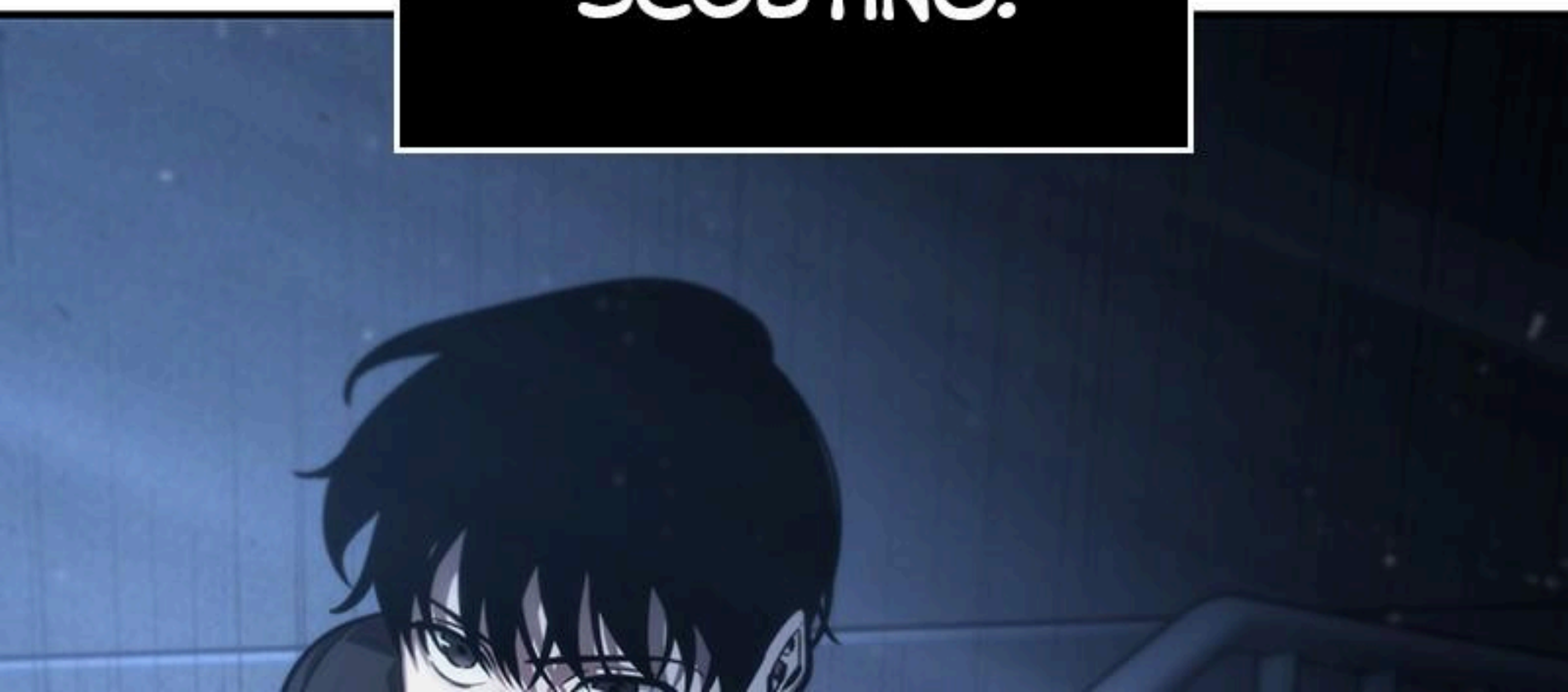
OH, HER...

SHE'S ON THE FIRST BASEMENT FLOOR.
THANK YOU.

AND
NOW...

TAP

...LET'S GO TALENT SCOUTING.



HAHA,
IF IT ISN'T THE

SQUATTER.

423 CHUNGMURO

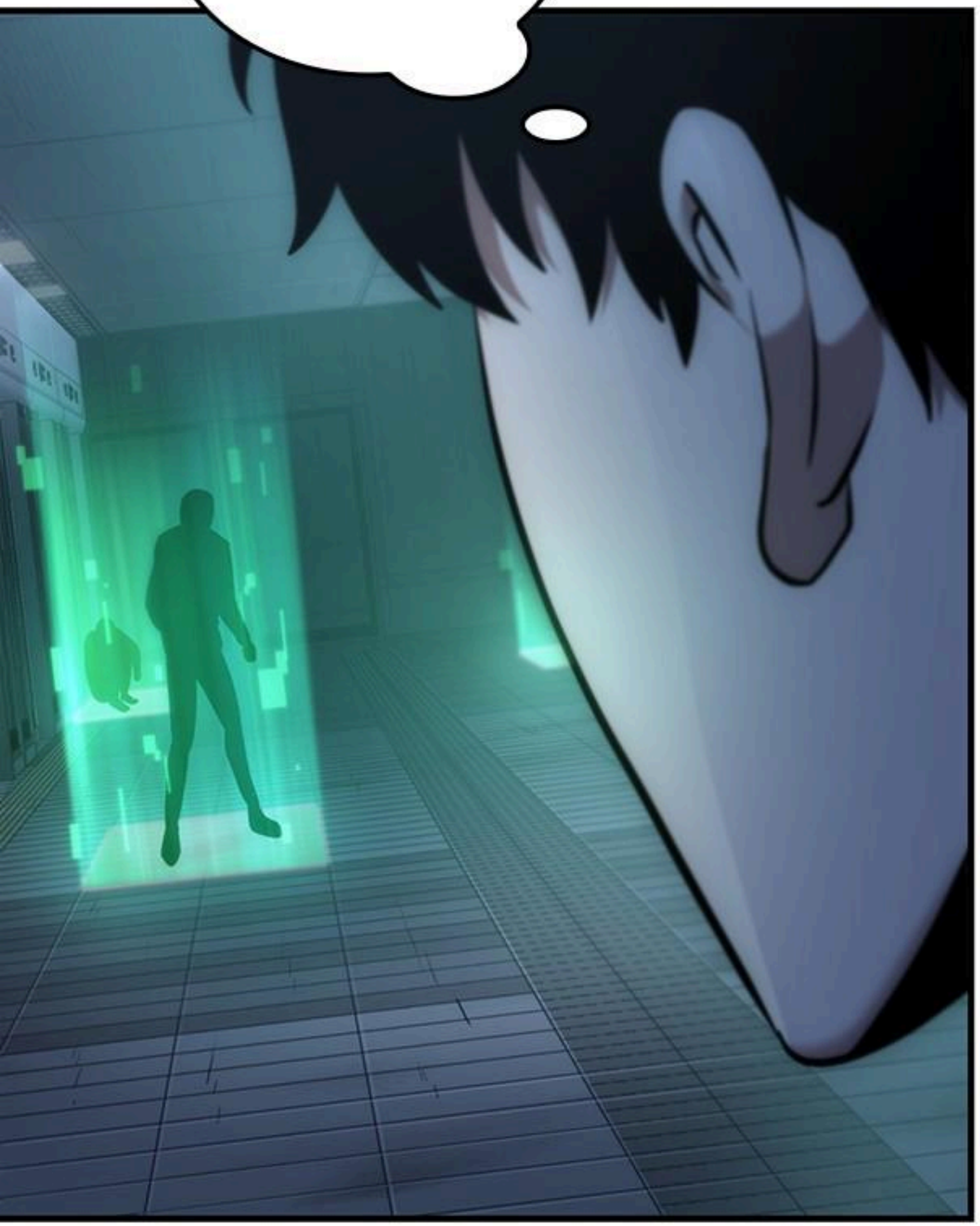
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE TO SHOW YOUR FACE AROUND HERE AGAIN.

I HEARD YOU SURVIVED THE NIGHT WITHOUT A **ROOM**. DID YOU REALLY?

JUNGHYEOK YU MUST HAVE HELPED YOU, RIGHT?

ONE, TWO,

THREE...

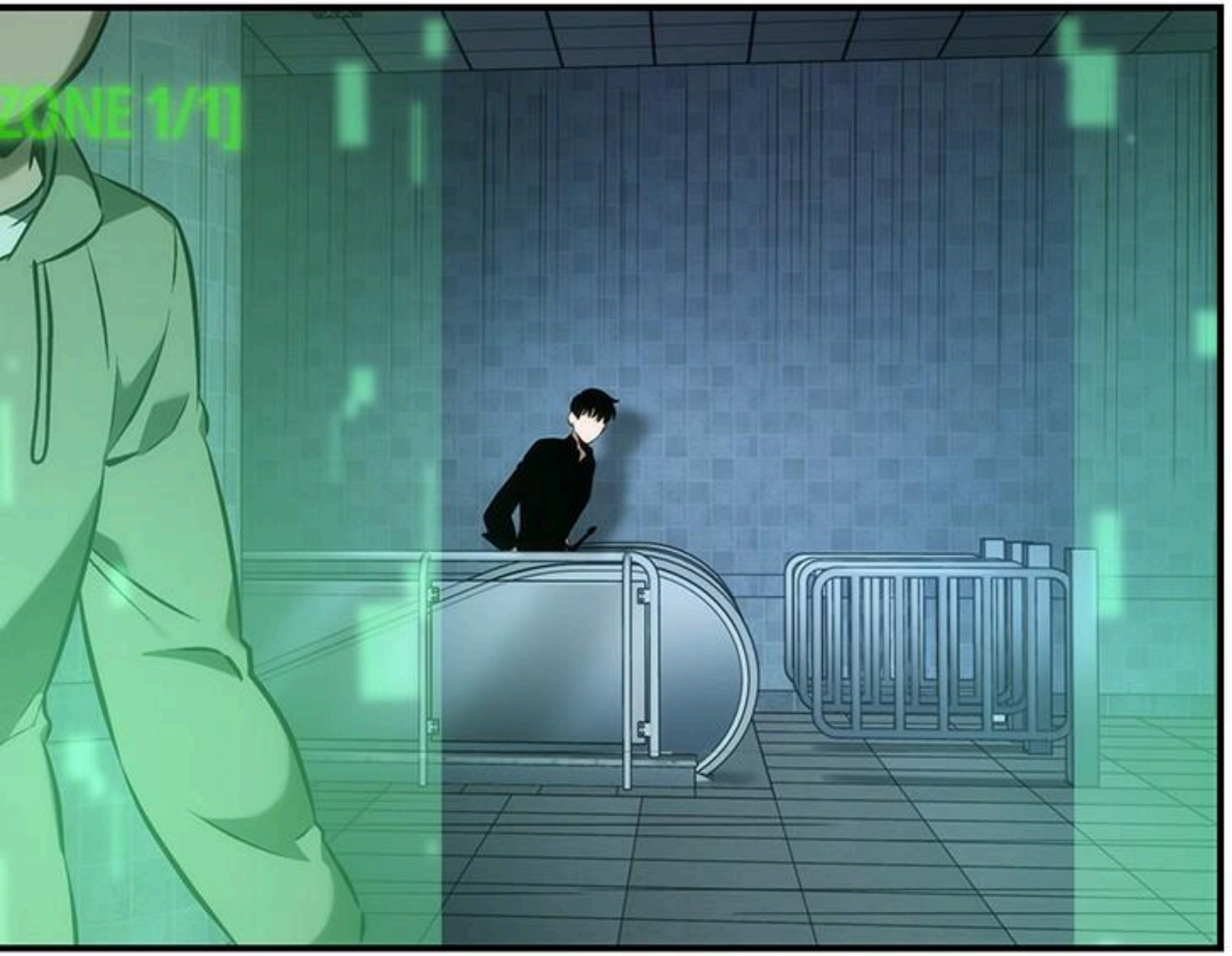


ISN'T IT HARD LIVING AS JUNGHYEOK YU'S LACKEY?

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US? PILDU SAID HE'LL THINK ABOUT LETTING YOU IN.

BUT
YOU'LL HAVE
TO BRING THOSE
GIRLS ALONG TOO,
OF COURSE.

HEHEHE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THERE'S ELEVEN OF THEM ALL TOGETHER.

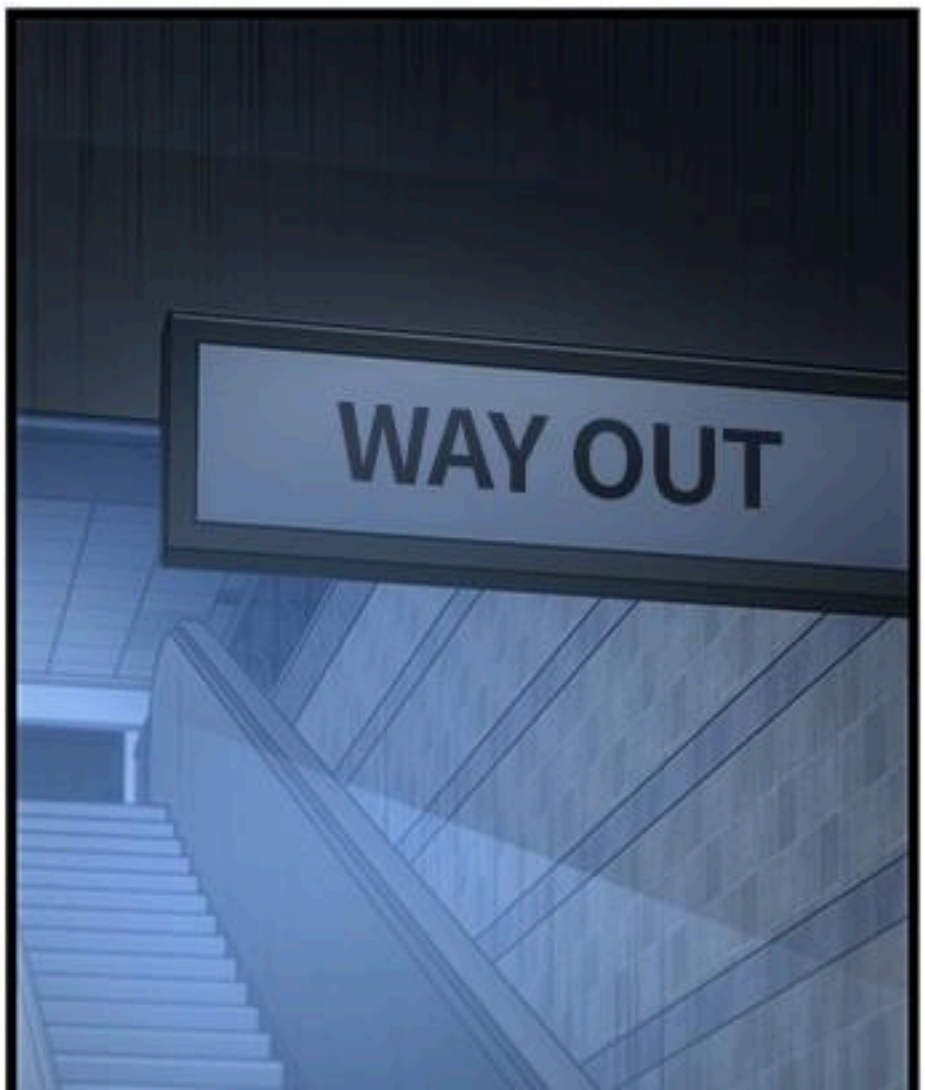
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

I AM.
TELL PILDU
I'LL THINK
ABOUT IT.

HE HE HE HE

IT LOOKS
LIKE THERE'S
MUCH LESS ROOMS
AVAILABLE.

I MIGHT JUST BARELY BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.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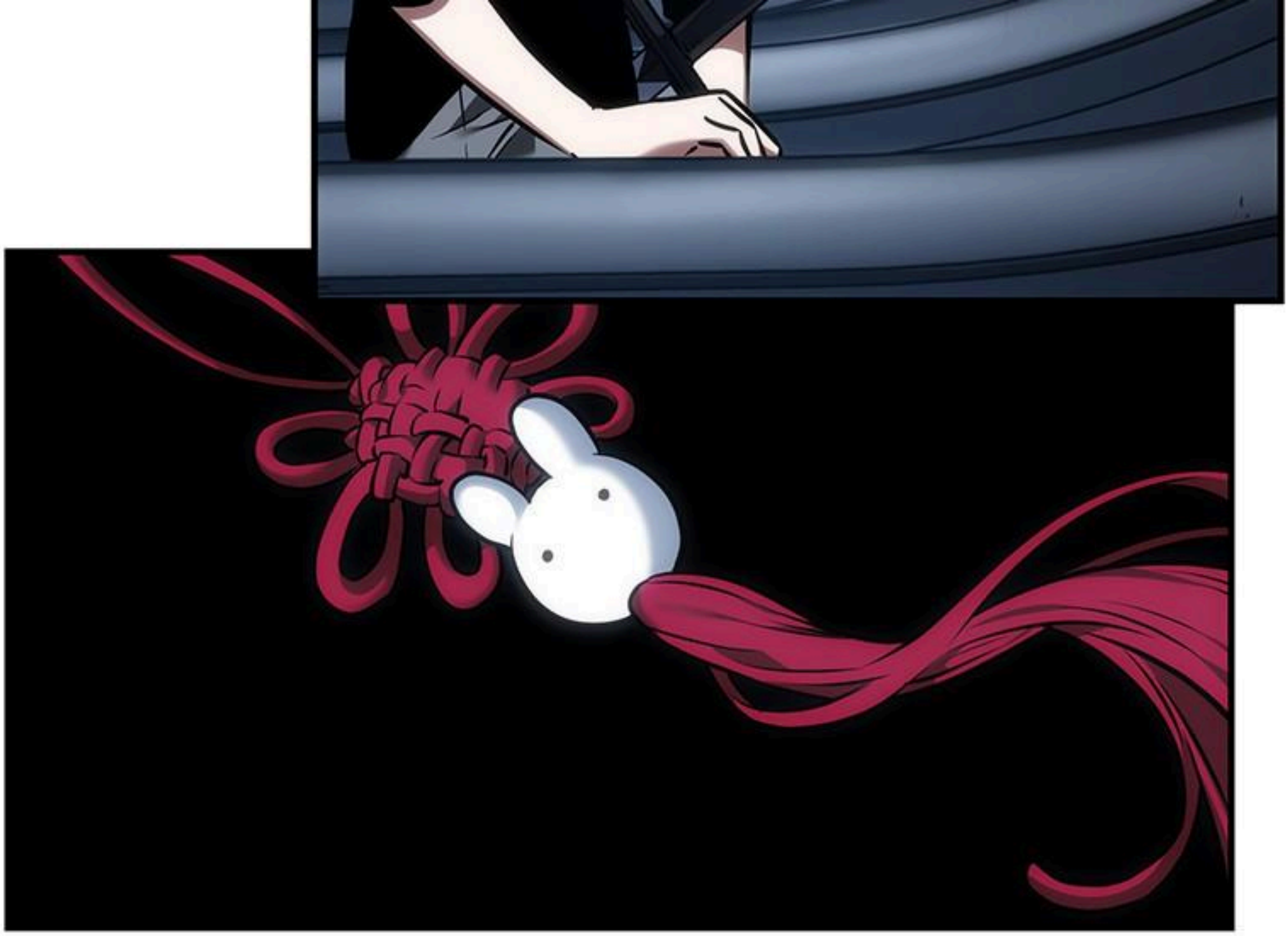
BASEMENT
FIRST
FLOOR...



WH
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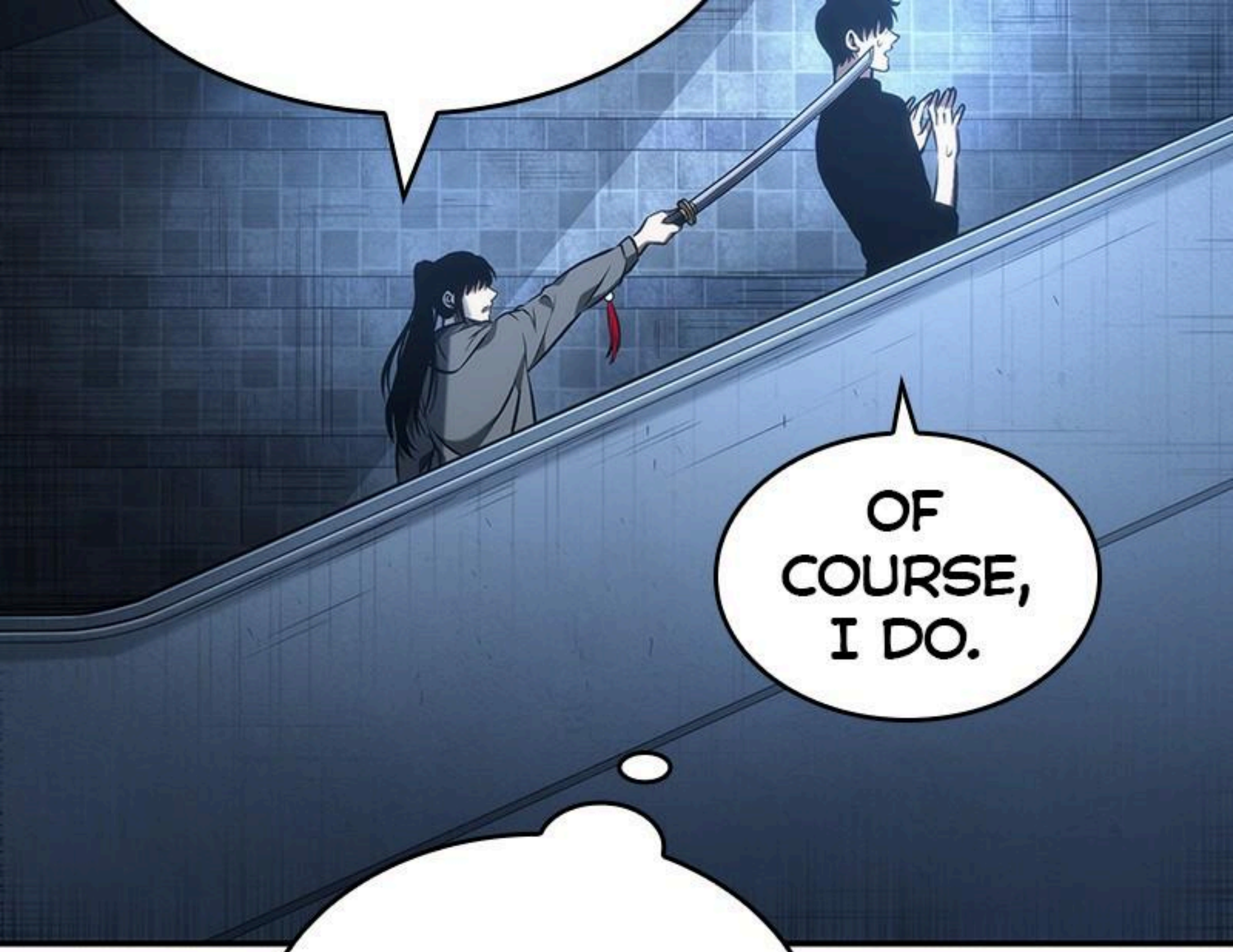
I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED.

WHEN DID SHE GET BEHIND ME? I COULDN'T SENSE HER AT ALL.

DID
SHE USE THE
GHOST WALK
SKILL TO SNEAK
BEHIND ME?!

JIHYE LEE...
SHE'S ONE LOUSY BRAT, BUT SHE'S GOOD.

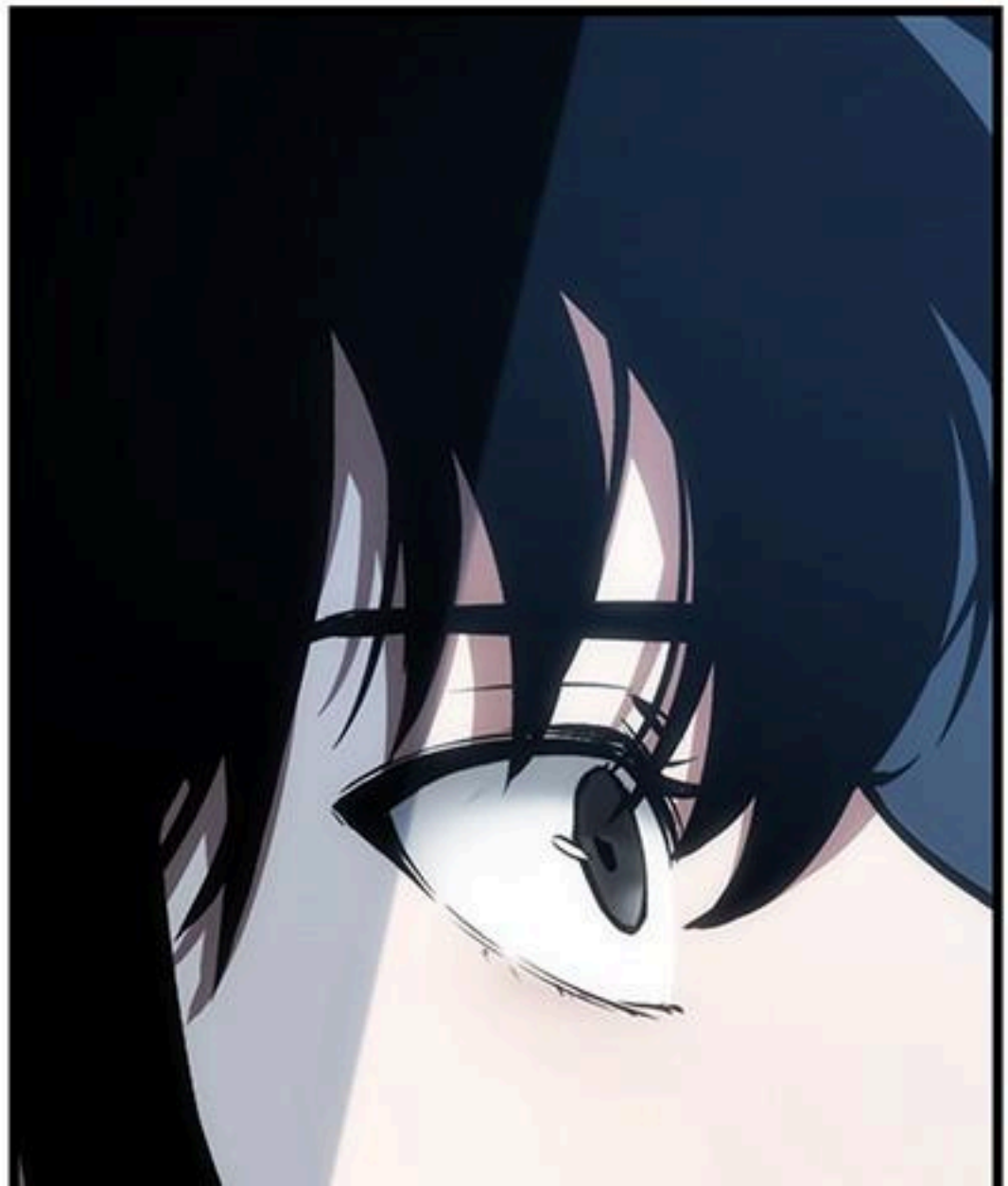
YOU DO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU MAKE A DEAL WITH THEM, RIGHT?


OF COURSE, I DO.
HUIWON WILL KILL THEM ALL.

BUT WHY?

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST KILL THEM ALL LAST NIGHT?

PUT THAT DOWN. I'M HERE TO TALK.



TALK?
YOU CAME TO SEE ME?
YES.

WAY OUT

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?

SHE'S FAST.

WHY ARE YOU STANDING OVER THERE?

MASTER TOLD ME TO GUARD THE PLACE.

I CAN'T LET ANYONE THROUGH. NOT EVEN YOU.

IS *THIS* WHAT JUNGHYEOK YU

HAS BEEN UP TO?

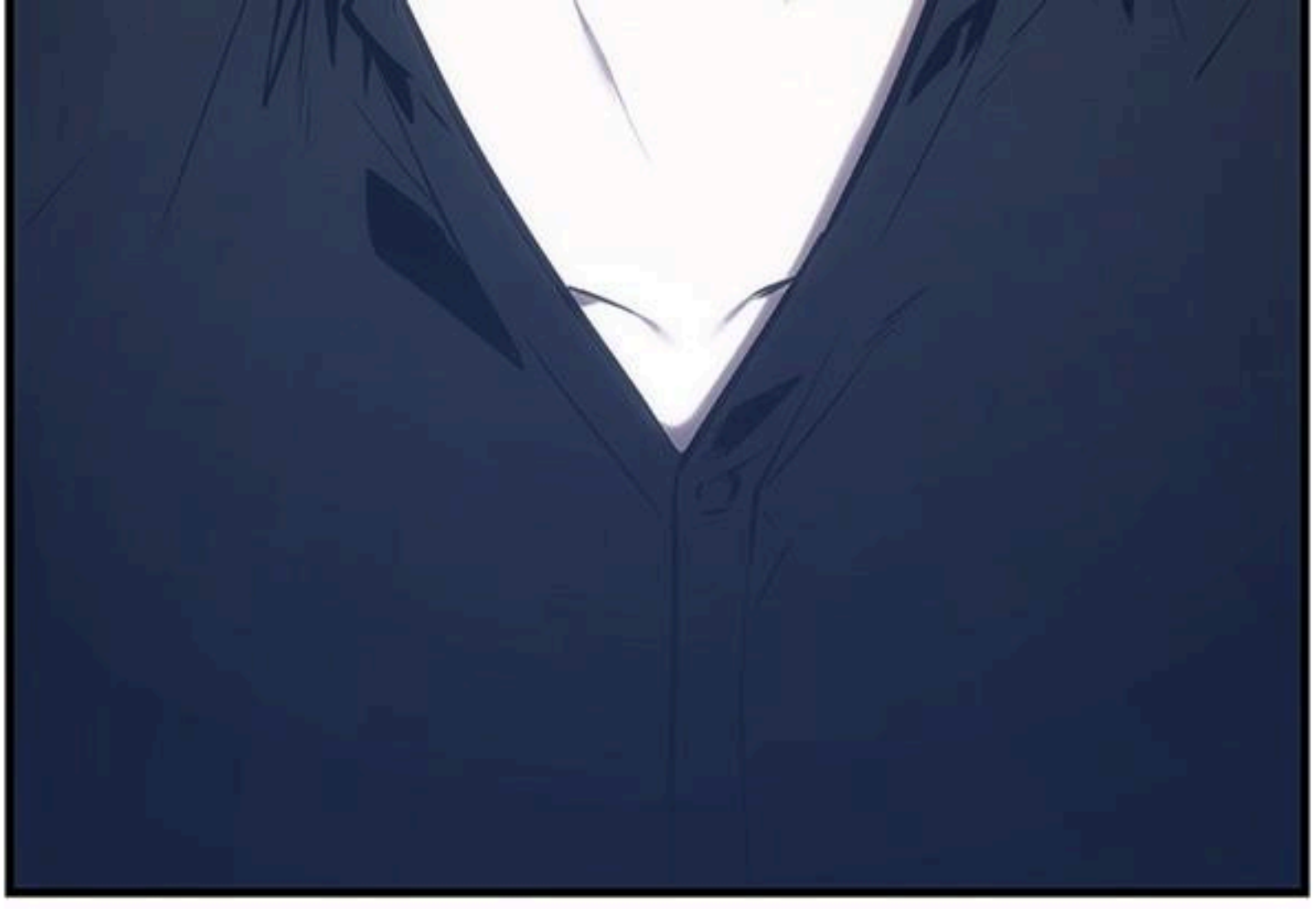
IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO HURRY

THINGS UP.

I'M HERE BECAUSE I NEED YOUR HELP.

MY HELP?

I'M GOING TO TAKE OUT PILDU AND HIS GOONS TODAY.



REALLY?

[YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF
JIHYE LEE HAS INCREASED.]

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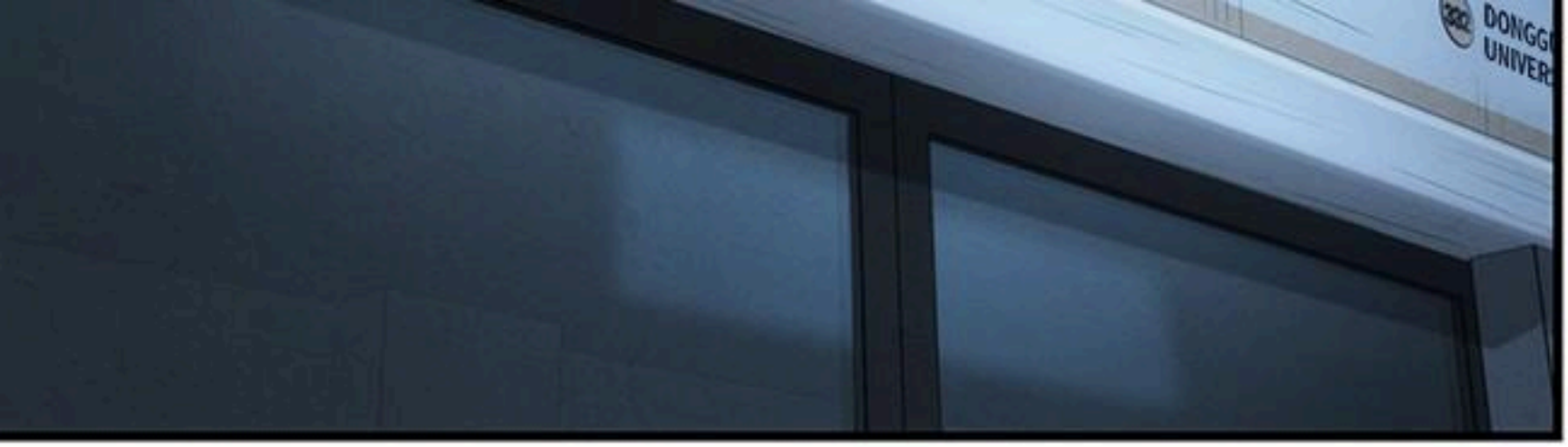
CHUNGMURO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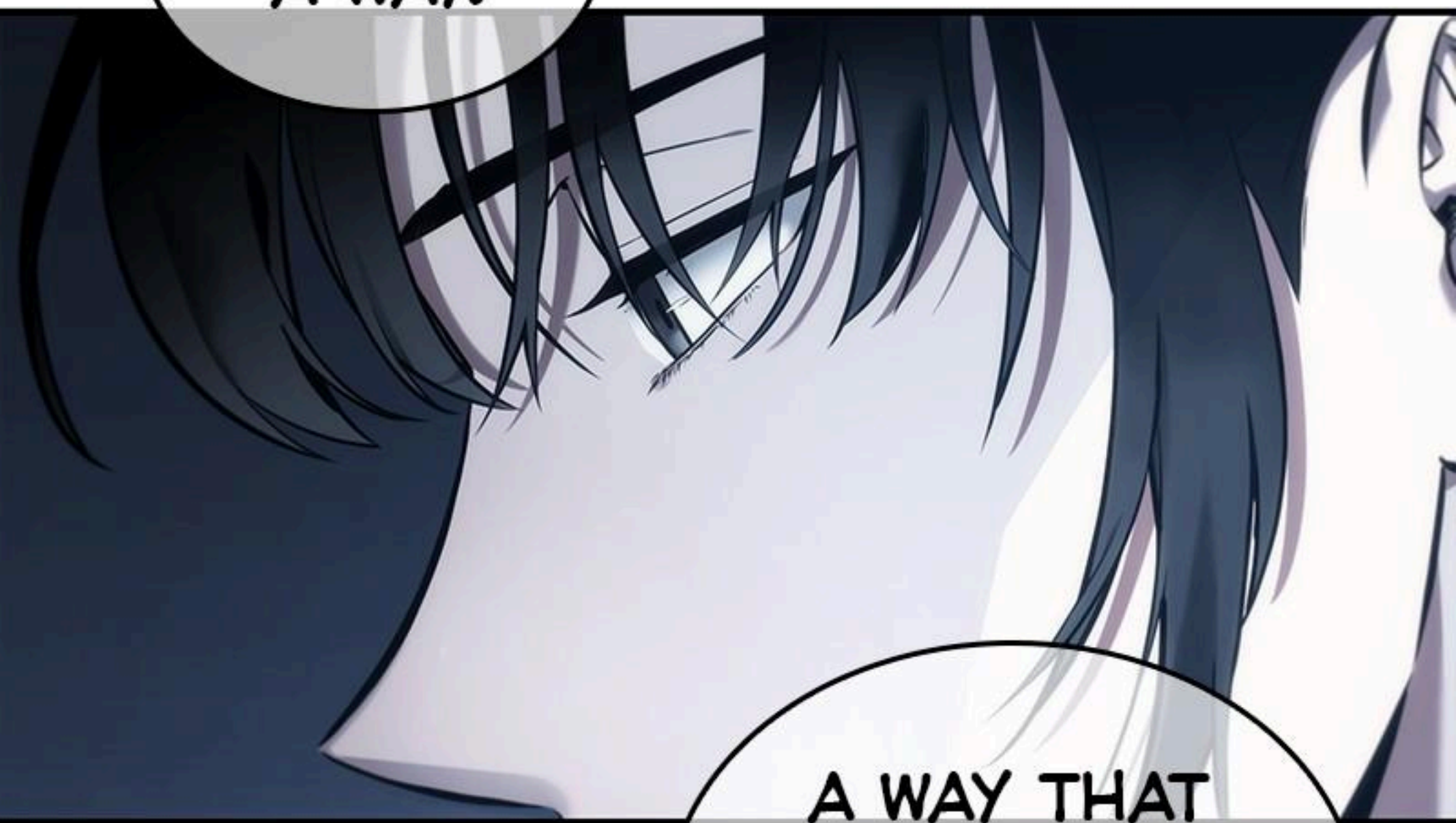
WILL SHE
BE WILLING TO
HELP US?

SHE DOES HAVE A BIT OF A TEMPER, BUT SHE DIDN'T SEEM THAT

DIDN'T SEEM THAT COLD-BLOODED.

THERE IS A WAY.



A WAY THAT WE CAN ONLY ACHIEVE IF YOU HELP ME.

IF YOU DON'T HELP, MOST PEOPLE HERE WILL END UP DEAD.

THEY'LL ALL DIE ANYWAY.

TAP

TAP

I SAW A BROADCAST

OF YOUR FIRST SCENARIO IN THE SUBWAY.

TAP

IT WAS OF YOU KILLING YOUR CLASSMATES.

I'M SURE THAT WASN'T WHAT YOU WANTED.

CLANG

STOP

STOP...

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW?

NOTHING,
OF COURSE.
I'M JUST SAYING
WHAT COMES TO
MY MIND.

BUT IF YOU DON'T HELP ME TODAY, YOU'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

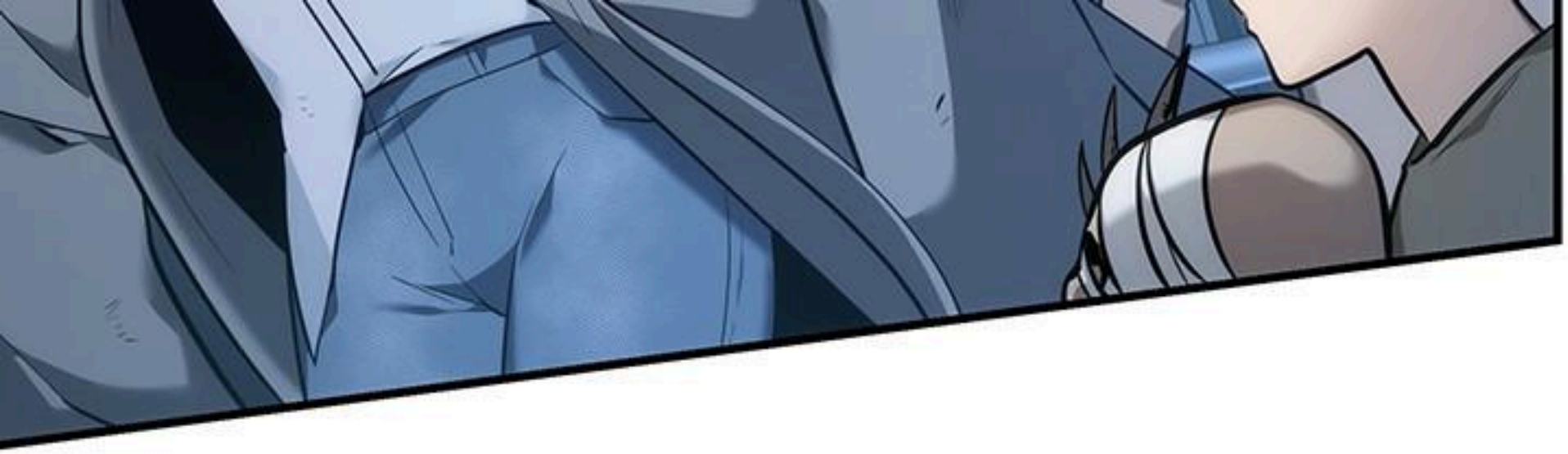
I GUARANTEE IT.

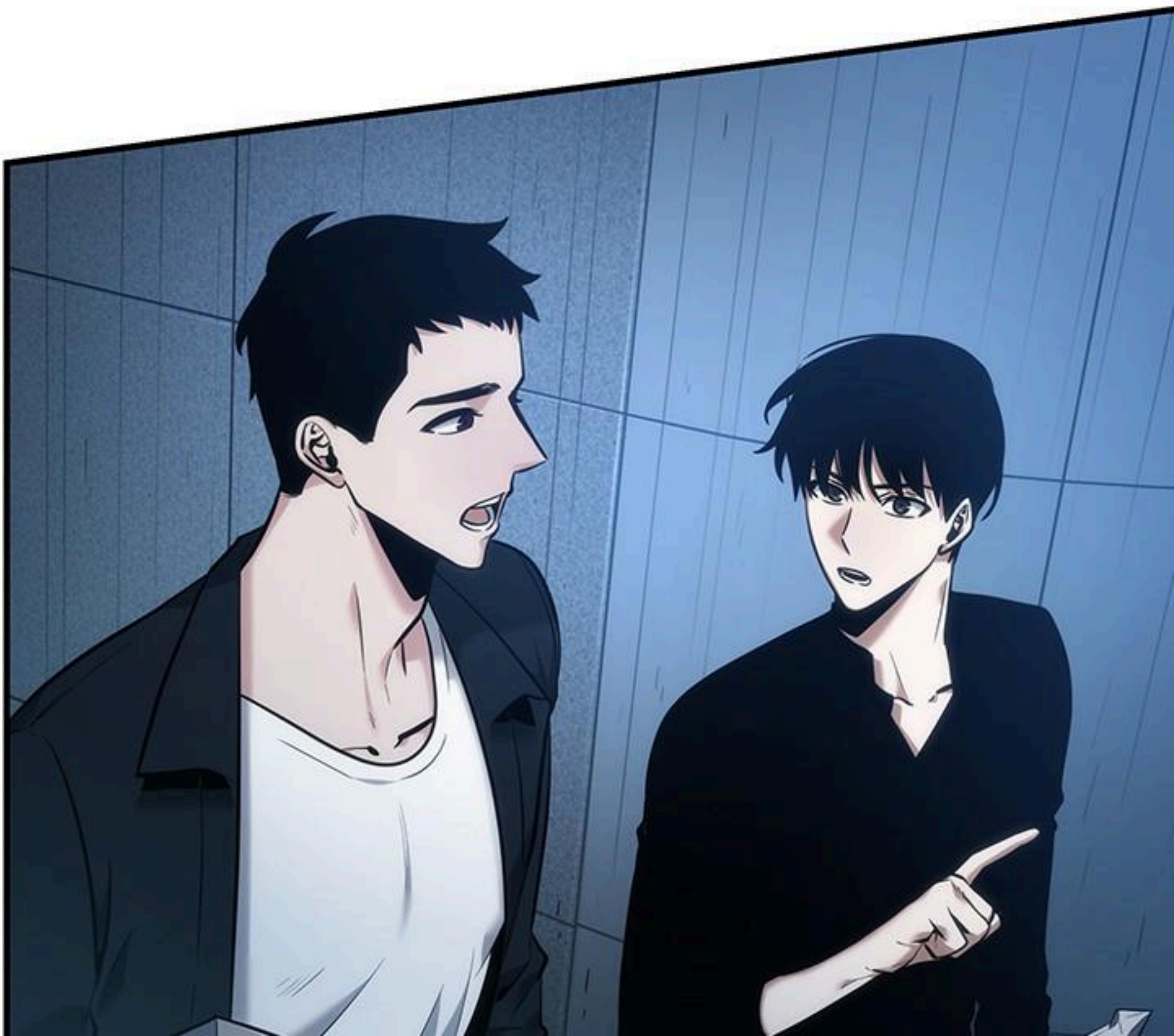
IT'S TIME.
73%
19:00

TONIGHT COULD BE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN LAST NIGHT.

ARE YOU ALL READY?

WE'LL PROCEED AS PLANNED THEN.





<MAIN SCENARIO #3 - GREEN ZONE (DAY 4)>

CATEGORY: MAIN

DIFFICULTY: C

CLEAR CONDITIONS:
OCCUPY A GREEN ZONE WITHIN
THE SCENARIO AREA AND SURVIVE FROM
MONSTERS WHO ATTACK EVERY MIDNIGHT.
THIS SCENARIO LASTS FOR 7 DAYS.

DURATION: 8 HOURS

REWARDS: 1,000 COINS

PENALTY FOR FAILURE: -

[5 HOURS REMAINING UNTIL THE THIRD SCENARIO IS ACTIVATED!]

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